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Primary might matter

A close race by Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama could be good for Pennsylvania.

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The road to the White House could run through Pennsylvania, Gov. Ed Rendell says.

But this is an election about which no one should make any assumptions, Rendell said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

After voters in 24 states cast ballots Tuesday, Sen. John McCain of Arizona tightened his grip on the Republican nomination. But matters were hardly settled on the Democratic side, where Sens. Hillary Clinton, of New York, and Barack Obama, of Illinois, ended Super Tuesday in a virtual tie.

"Finally, we matter," said an excited Mary Isenhour, the state Democratic Party executive director.

Unlike some states, Pennsylvania did not move its primary to Tuesday and, for the first time in more than 30 years, the delegate choices Democratic voters make April 22 indeed might matter. Pennsylvania will have 188 Democratic delegates and 74 GOP delegates on the ballot.

"Pennsylvania really could still be a big part of the decision-making process," said Rendell, a super-delegate to the August national convention in Denver who has pledged his support to Clinton. "While there still are a lot of delegates and a lot of victories to be won before our primary, it is looking more and more like the road to victory comes through Pennsylvania."

Even his predecessor, former Republican Gov. Tom Ridge, a McCain supporter, believes the state might be in play.

"It is conceivable that you get into April and no nominee has a requisite delegate count and all of a sudden, even though Pennsylvania did not move its primary up, it becomes relevant to the outcome," Ridge said. "All eyes are on Pennsylvania – not a bad thing from my point of view, and I suspect Gov. Rendell doesn't see it as a bad idea either."

The possibility excites others in the state – tourism officials and

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Trial ordered in Donora rape case

The suspect showed up without an attorney and decided to represent himself.

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WASHINGTON – A Donora man charged in the rape of a borough woman was ordered to stand trial following a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

Vaughn Joseph Crews, 20, of 436 Seventh St., is charged with rape (forcible compulsion), aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault, sexual assault, aggravated assault, simple assault, terroristic threats and burglary in connection with an incident that allegedly took place Jan. 23.

Crews appeared before Magisterial District Judge J. Albert Spence in Central Court at the Washington County Courthouse.

Before the hearing, Crews told Spence his attorney was unable to attend. Crews added he was unable to arrange for representation by a public defender.

After Spence detailed Crews' options, the suspect opted to go on with the hearing.

The alleged victim was the only person to testify.

She told Assistant District Attorney Traci McDonald that on the morning of Jan. 23, she was getting dressed and went downstairs to make coffee.

At that point, a person wearing a werewolf mask lunged at her and attacked. The woman said he held her face down as she fought to escape. During the scuffle, she managed to remove the attacker's mask and recognized Crews.

The victim testified that Crews unsuccessfully attempted to cover her mouth with duct tape.

Describing the incident, the woman said she eventually grew weary from the struggle.

Crews dragged her upstairs and raped her, she testified.

The woman said that during the assault downstairs as well as upstairs her attacker beat her in the face and head.

Recalling the incident, she said that once the mask came off, Crews repeatedly said, "keep your head down, (expletive)."

The woman testified that once upstairs, Crews grabbed a pair of handcuffs that she kept in a dresser drawer and locked her hands behind her back.

She claimed that after the assault, Crews took a prescription for Percocet from her bedroom and took off.

The alleged victim said that while still in handcuffs, she called 911 and was taken to Monongahela Valley Hospital in Carroll Township for treatment.

Crews did not question the woman. In ordering Crews to stand trial, Spence kept bond at $25,000 straight cash.

Spence told Crews, who is free on bond, that if he or any third party has contact with the victim or her family, bond would be revoked.

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In the wake of heavy rain Wednesday, a hillside gave way and sent mud and debris sliding into a house at 292 Black Diamond Hollow in Carroll Township.

Hillside gives way, sends mud into Carroll residence

Mine subsidence caused a road to collapse near the site last year.

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CARROLL TOWNSHIP – A Black Diamond family is able to remain in their home in the wake of a mud slide Wednesday morning.

Mud and debris from a hillside slid into Skip and Angela Hemmings' home at 292 Black Diamond Hollow. Carroll Township police Chief Paul Brand said about three feet of mud landed on the house.

"There was just so much rain, and the hillside just couldn't handle it," Brand said.

While family members declined comment, Brand said two people, including a child, were home when the slide was reported around 9 a.m.

Brand said the same hillside was affected when Columbia Road collapsed last year because of mine subsidence. The road sits above the hillside.

Brand said the Bureau of Mines repaired Columbia Road.

State Department of Environmental Protection officials were at the scene Wednesday to survey the damage.

Brand said it is still being determined who owns the hill.

Valley Inn firefighters and the Carroll Township road crew assisted at the scene.

The Hemmings family received assistance, Brand said.

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>
> PAUL BRAND, CARROLL TOWNSHIP POLICE CHIEF

Last month, two families were forced from their homes following a landslide off Route 481 in Carroll Township.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission ultimately had those houses razed. That landslide was related to construction of of the Mon/Fayette Expressway.

Gov. Ed Rendell's proposed budget adds up for Valley superintendents

While their districts will not receive the state average, more money is proposed.

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One year ago, school officials struggled to complete their 2007-08 school year budgets with no clear idea what state subsidies they would receive.

One year later, local superintendents are happy to have a better idea what they likely will receive from the commonwealth.

As Gov. Ed Rendell unveiled his 2008-09 budget this week, he outlined proposed state subsidies for school districts.

Although their districts will receive state subsidy increases less than the state average, districts would receive a larger percent increase in basic subsidies over the 2007-08 budget.

Charleroi Area Superintendent Dr. Brad Ferko said he is pleased with the way his district will fare in the proposed budget, but realizes the Legislature must first act on the plan.

"To be told we're getting that kind of money is exciting," Ferko said.

State lawmakers missed the June 30 deadline for approving a 2007-08 budget, causing many state workers to be laid off for one day in early July.

With uncertainty about state subsidies, Charleroi Area raised the tax rate 3 mills with the hope of reopening the budget if the subsidies were more favorable. The Legislature, however, did not include in the spending package a mechanism that permitted the school board to reopen the budget.

District officials expressed hope at the time that the tax increase could be rolled back in its 2008-09 school year budget.

Ferko said the district is working on the 2008-09 school year budget. That plan must be approved by June 30. He said it is too early to predict the effect added basic subsidies could have on the bottom line. However, he noted that the $379,353 in added state subsidies outlined in Rendell's proposal would equate to 7.2 mills in real estate tax revenue.

Monessen School District won't receive as large an increase under the governor's proposal as it did last year. Still, Superintendent Dr. Cindy Chelen was pleased with

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the proposal.

"Any increase is a positive." Chelen said. "It is a little less than we got last year. But when you consider we got over 6 percent last year and then another 4 percent this year – I think we can manage with that."

Chelen said the increased state funding should cover much of the district's increased costs, including rising hospitalization premiums and teacher salary hikes.

"Once we begin looking at the numbers, then we'll be able to know where we stand," Chelen said. "Hopefully it is enough to keep up with all of our increased costs."

Belle Vernon Area School District Superintendent Robert Nagy was similarly happy.

"We're pleased any time the state contributes more to the school districts," Nagy said.

Nagy said that although it is early in the district's budget process, increased state subsides could offset potential millage hikes.

Under the proposal, the state would also provide an additional $20,000 in accountability block grants for Belle Vernon Area. Nagy said the district uses the grant to pay for all-day kindergarten at Marion and Rostraver elementary schools, staff development and technology improvements.

The governor's proposed budget includes the following basic subsidy increases. In parenthesis is the percent increase each district received for the current school year:

Bentworth, 2.39 percent (2.16); Belle Vernon Area, 4.69 (2.71); Brownsville Area, 2.81 (2.62); California Area, 2.85 (2.3); Charleroi Area, 5.78 (3.64); Elizabeth-Forward, 4.32 (2.2); Monessen, 4.39 (6.76); Ringgold, 5.45 (3.28); Yough, 4.77 (2.31).

Locally, the governor has proposed the following special education subsidy increases:

Belle Vernon Area, 3.40 percent; Bentworth, 2.96 Brownsville Area, 3.74 percent; California Area, 3.11 percent; Charleroi Area, 3.29; Elizabeth-Forward, 3.23; Frazier, 3.43 Monessen, 3.27; Ringgold, 3.14; Yough, 3.38.

Locally, the governor has proposed the following accountability grants:

Belle Vernon Area, $508,801; Bentworth, $222,546; Brownsville, $483,255; California Area, $190,539; Charleroi Area, $330,646; Elizabeth-Forward, $548,963; Frazier, $175,917; Monessen, $244,450; Ringgold, $659,958; Yough, $445,315.

Yesteryear

Students of Cross Roads School, a one-room schoolhouse in Rostraver Township, are pictured in 1933. In the front row from left are: unknown, Kearns, Naomi Manown, Becky Manown, Elizabeth Stoneman, Ruth Stewart, Kathryn Yakubic, Margaret Selepcak and Elizabeth Lenart Chabalka, of Belle Vernon, who submitted the photo. Second row, Clinton Manown, Sam Kearns, Jack Manown, unknown, Frank Mayger, Emil Lenart and Calvin Kearns; third row, Clara Krascun, teacher; Bill Kearns, Robert Scholl, Mary Lenart and John Lenart.

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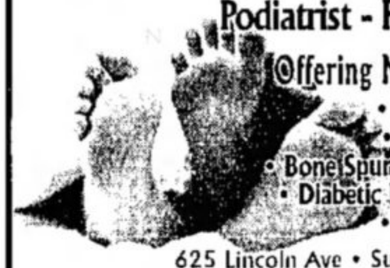

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House GOP delays open records vote

The Pennsylvania Newspaper Association said the bill includes substantial improvments.

By The Associated Press

HARRISBURG – Pennsylvania House Republicans engineered a six-day delay Wednesday of a vote on a bill that would greatly expand what Pennsylvanians can learn about the actions of their state and local governments.

Supporters of the delay said they needed time to make much-needed repairs to blemishes on the bill, which passed the Senate unanimously a week earlier.

"So much work has been invested in this bill, it would be a terrible shame that you would actually injure your constituents by moving forward with it as it is," said Rep. John Maher, R-Allegheny, who proposed the delay that passed 100-98.

Majority Leader Bill DeWeese, D-Greene, called the move a case of GOP obstructionism and "an obvious, obvious delaying tactic."

It was the latest pitfall for advocates of what has been a 13-month process of study, debate and revisions as the Legislature examined how to change the 1957 Right-to-Know Law, regarded by many as one of the nation's weakest.

And it was another blow for Democratic leaders, who had to pull the plug on property tax reform legislation last week after a Republican-sponsored measure attracted dozens of Democratic votes to shift slots revenue to pay school taxes of lower income seniors only.

Critics of the open records bill said it would prevent real estate businesses from using government land records for commercial purposes, violate the privacy of everyday people and provide material for identity thieves.

"I'm not going to say that the legislation is necessarily flawed, but I am going to say that I believe it's incomplete," said Rep. Matthew Baker, R-Bradford, who pushed for identity theft protections.

The bill would make all records open, beyond a list of exceptions, and would establish a central office in state government, the Office of Open Records, to mediate access disputes. Unlike current law, it would force government agencies to provide legal justification when they turn down a document request.

The changes also would greatly expand the universe of public records, granting new access to financial records of the General Assembly and state courts.

Democratic leaders urged immediate passage Wednesday, arguing that follow-up legislation could address all of the legitimate concerns.

"This has been bandied about, back and forth, seemingly for time immemorial," DeWeese said.

He called it "the most significant piece of reform legislation in years and years, if not decades and decades."

The 48-page bill, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware, would shorten how long it takes to obtain a record and increase penalties for government officials who willingly violate the law.

It would cover community colleges and the four state-related universities: Penn State, Pitt, Lincoln and Temple. It would take effect in January.

It would bar access to autopsy records, but permit judges and local officials to release 911 tapes or records under certain circumstances. A proposal opposed by media groups that would have prevented disclosure of dates of birth did not make it into the current draft.

The Pennsylvania Newspaper Association called it a substantial improvement over current law, but Common Cause of Pennsylvania said it was a weak product that did not go far enough.

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managers of hotels that host political events, for example – who could benefit from a primary that attracts national attention.

Bob Bee, director of sales for WTAE-TV, said Pennsylvania would be a target for Democrats' advertisements and perhaps political action campaign ads, especially if the Texas and Ohio primaries are not conclusive.

"Yes, yes, a thousand times, yes!" Bee said. "God bless democracy!"

"There's no doubt about it, if we're still in play and we're needed, it will change the entire campaign strategy of Pennsylvania and you will see an investment of both candidates that you wouldn't otherwise see," said Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato.

As a former national party chairman, Rendell acknowledged that securing a win for Clinton in Pennsylvania is becoming increasingly important for him.

"Leading up to Pennsylvania there are some excellent potential states for Sen. Obama – Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia – and some toss-ups like Washington and Wisconsin," he said.

But Rendell said Clinton might fare well in Louisiana on Saturday, and in Texas and Ohio on March 4.

"So, rolling into Pennsylvania might be really important, but who knows? One thing that I have learned about this election is never to say it's over," Rendell said.

Kate Michelman, an Obama backer from Central Pennsylvania and former president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, said her candidate could win in some areas of the state, such as Philadelphia and its surrounding counties and even the central part that traditionally is considered a Republican stronghold.

"This will be a very important state for him, and I think that he will do well here," she said. " ... Do not discount Central Pennsylvania. I would like to bring him out here and prove them wrong."

Rendell isn't sure whether Pennsylvania will determine the Democratic presidential nomination; the campaign could remain split until the convention. But he believes McCain will carry the state and "that one will be the wrap-up for him."

Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, who supports former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, points to the McCain victories in neighboring New York and New Jersey and Ridge's support as big factors.

"I don't doubt that McCain will do well in the raw vote, but as you know it is the delegate vote that matters," he said.

Former GOP Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas, who won five states Tuesday, isn't ready to give up.

"There is no part of the country that I am willing to ... concede, because I think people are looking for an authentic conservative message, and Pennsylvanians are no different than anywhere else in the country," he said in a telephone interview. "I think our message will resonate with voters there."

Yet for Republicans, the primary here has minimal importance. GOP delegates remain uncommitted and appear on the ballot with no allegiance to candidates.

"We only really start to matter if the nomination goes to the convention," said Republican State Committee Chairman Rob Gleason, a McCain supporter.

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The last time Pennsylvania had a significant role in a primary contest was when Ronald Reagan challenged President Ford in 1976. Desperate for delegates going into the convention, Reagan picked Pennsylvania Sen. Richard Schweiker for his running mate in an attempt to sway Pennsylvania's uncommitted delegates.

The move failed, and Ford won the nomination by 117 delegates.

Despite widespread speculation that Rendell could become a potential running mate for Clinton, he dismisses the possibility.

But he said: "I think that Tom Ridge has a significant chance to be picked by John McCain."

Ridge said he is honored by the suggestion, but that he's focusing on helping McCain win Pennsylvania.

"Then maybe Gov. Rendell and I can face off for the first time in November," he said.

Technical college to open in Valley

Scholarships will be available. according to plans for a Friday announcement.

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Within a month, a first-of-its-kind post-secondary technical education program will begin offering classes in the Mid-Mon Valley.

On Friday, State Rep. Peter J. Daley, D-California, along with Mon Valley Progress Council Executive Director Joe Kirk and Westmoreland County Community College officials will announce formation of a technical college program in the Mid-Mon Valley.

The event will be held at the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center in Speers, where courses will be taught.

During the noon news conference, Daley will present to school officials a $5,000 grant from the state Community Revitalization Program to fund scholarships.

The first classes are expected to begin March 10. An associate degree in electrical engineering will be offered.

The local program is the fusion of two separate, but parallel efforts.

Locally, Daley has been working for four years to form a technical college.

The Mon Valley Community Education Council was formed by the Mon Valley Progress Council to assist that effort.

Separately, the state budget approved last summer provided $2 million to establish technical college programs during 2007-08 with the long-term goal of establishing 10 programs over the next several years.

WCCC received the first grant from the state to form such a program at Connellsville and Uniontown.

When the effort in Uniontown stalled, Daley encouraged WCCC to bring that program to Speers.

Kirk said the Mon Valley Progress Council will market the program.

Murder suspect wants evidence suppressed

A Fayette County man accused of criminal homicide wants incriminating statements he gave to police to be excluded from trial.

Charles Michael Green, 28, of 77 Whiteman Ave., Uniontown, is charged with criminal homicide in the Aug. 20 stabbing death of Michael James Watkins.

In a criminal complaint, state police at Belle Vernon said Green stabbed Watkins at Hunters Ridge Apartments in Redstone after a dispute over drugs and money.

During an interview with police, Green acknowledged having gone to see Watkins regarding $30 he had given the victim in exchange for marijuana. Green told police Watkins failed to provide either the drugs or a cash refund.

Police said Green then blurted out, "I completed my mission," before refusing to answer any more questions.

Green's attorney, Public Defender Jeffrey W. Whiteko, has filed a motion seeking to have the statements suppressed.

A hearing on the motion will be held April 3.

Jeff Pikulsky/The Valley Independent

One-way traffic moves along Finley Road in Rostraver Township this morning. The busy roadway is the focus of a $6.4 million widening project that township officials reported Wednesday is running on schedueb toward a 2010 completion date.

Finley Road project running on schedule

Rostraver Township supervisors also report that sewer work now in its final phase.

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ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP – Commissioner Nick Lorenzo said Wednesday that the Finley Road widening project remains on schedule, despite poor weather in January.

Lorenzo said cold weather made it difficult for crews to perform such tasks as pothole repairs.

The board has been working since 1995 to improve traffic flow on the road by widening about 1 1/2 miles of the route from its intersection with Route 201 to Rehoboth Church Road.

The $6.4 million project began a few months ago and is expected to be complete in 2010.

The state Department of Transportation is paying for 80 percent of the project, and Westmoreland County is picking up 10 percent of the cost.

The township is paying the remaining 10 percent with real estate tax revenue paid by businesses operating in the Finley Road business district.

In an unrelated matter, Commissioner Ralph Iacoboni said residents having sewage service installed can raise concerns at a construction trailer in the Elks Plan area near Beacon Supply.

The sewer project is in its final phase.

Work on phase II for the Rehoboth Valley, Pricedale and Lynnwood areas began last month.

It is expected to complete by next summer.

Phase I – installation of lines along Route 51 and Interstate 70 – was finished in November, after about a year of work.

The entire system will serve about 1,500 customers.

During public comment, resident Robert Lees asked the commissioners to be lenient relative to the board's action to condemn a building he wants to covert into apartments.

In August, Lees told the board that he would reapir the former motel on Main and Bedsworth streets in Pricedale.

Lorenzo said the commissioners have for more than five years battled Lees to improve the property.

Lees received condemnation papers earlier this week.

Last night, he pleaded for more time.

However, Lorenzo said Lees has had ample time, adding the matter could be decided in court.

Commissioner Tom Patterson asked Lees if he has paid any of the $20,000 in back taxes on the property.

"Not yet," Lees said.

"Where in God's name are you going to get that $20,000 in back taxes?" Patterson asked.

"Where I'm going to get the money, I really don't think that's any of your business, but it will be forthcoming," Lees said.

Lorenzo said Lees has been cited numerous times for code violations at the site.

Lees, however, has paid the fines, and continues to make tax payments on the building so it will not go up for sheriff's sale, according to the board.

Lees' building is situated next to Pricedale Union Church.

Lees, who lives across the street from both buildings, said stormwater runoff from the church severely damaged his building.

He claimed the township code allows one year for damaged properties to be repaired.

"What I'm telling you is, my God, don't tie my hands. Come on, give me a break," Lees said. "I'm being denied my rights under your codes."

"Bob, you will get your day in court," Lorenzo said.

Witness says Wecht's bills fabricated

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The owner of a former McKeesport travel agency testified Wednesday she had no way of knowing whether Dr. Cyril H. Wecht fudged airfare and limousine prices he quoted for reimbursement by his private clients.

But June Stimmel said Wecht, the former Allegheny County coroner, was less than honest when he submitted more than two dozen invoices claiming his travel

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Journey to Yesteryear proves to be short one

Ron PAGLIA

In response to a reader who identifies herself only as "a very concerned Donora woman," the Time Machine travels only 21 years to the past today.

The woman complains that "anything before 1980 is ancient history" and emphasized that she would like to read something about "those fabulous Eighties."

I don't agree with the "ancient history" gripe, but let's try to appease her with a look at Feb. 6, 1987.

And we'll start in Donora, where law enforcement officials gathered to learn about the Ethnic Intimidation and Industrial Vandalism Act in a program presented by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the State Police. Donora Police Superintendent Robert Vitalbo hosted the event in the Donora Municipal Building, and keynote speaker was Dave Dorsey of the PHRC. Lawmen from throughout the area attended the seminar and also heard from Trooper Richard Craig and Robert Clough, assistant director of education and community services for the PHRC.

Meanwhile, the Donora Volunteer Fire Department elected its leaders for the new year. Getting the nod as line officers were John Sabo, chief; Mike Rozick, assistant chief; Dennis Shawley, captain, and Carl Vehouc, lieutenant. Social Club leaders were Walter Giffin, president; John Bolek, first vice president; Richard Generia, second vice president; Fred Berestecky, treasurer; Greg Schwab, secretary, and Paul Brown, John Emory and Jim Yavoich, trustees.

In other news:

■ Roy Kearns resigned as police chief in North Charleroi and borough council said it had no immediate plans to name his successor. Kearns had served as police chief for 13 years after succeeding the late Regis Lee in that position. Mayor Henry J. Michaloski said the borough expressed appreciation to Kearns and wished him well in his new endeavors. Kearns told *The Valley Independent* he was leaving to make a career change.

■ John Nipaver ended 32 years of dedicated public service to Speers when he resigned as a member of borough council. Nipaver, who served eight years as mayor of the community, said he felt, at age 63, that it was time to "slow down a little." He also was active on the regional and state governmental levels and was credited with spearheading efforts to have lights installed on the Charleroi-Monessen and Belle Vernon-Speers bridges.

■ Becky Lombardi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony M. Lombardi, of Carroll Township, was elected to serve on the Pittsburgh Diocesan Youth Council. A junior at Monon-

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BRIGHT — Harry E. Bright Sr., 84, of Monongahela (Valley Inn), on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

DUDAS — George M. Dudas, 54, of Edinburg, Pa., on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Samuel Teolis Funeral Home Inc., Ellwood City.*

GOLOMB — Florence B. Golomb, 91, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Ralph Schugar Chapel Inc., Shadyside.*

LEBOIS — Mary Lebois, 78, of California, Pa., on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Mariscotti Funeral Home, California.*

LIZZA — Frederick L. Lizza, 85, of Dunbar, on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Burhans - Crouse Funeral Home, Dunbar.*

LUNN — Walter P. Lunn III, 59, of Charleroi, on Tuesday, Feb. 5. William R. Taylor Funeral Home, Monessen.*

MCBRIDE — Michael R. McBride Sr., 60, of Charleroi, on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

RAMSEY — John E. Ramsey, 79, of Perryopolis (Jefferson Township), on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

STOKER — Eunice M. Stoker, 88, of Monongahela, formerly of Brentwood, on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS

CIEPLY, Joseph*
EHKO, Anastasia*
EHKO, Anastasia*
MARTUCCI, Pasquale S.*
STRENNEN, James*
* See death notice

Harry E. Bright Sr.
Monongahela (Valley Inn)

Harry E. Bright Sr., 84, of Monongahela (Valley Inn), died Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was born May 25, 1923, in Monongahela, a son of the late Frank and Sophie Kirschner Bright. He was retired from U.S. Steel, National Tube in McKeesport. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Evangelical Church, the Carroll Legion James C. Ford Post 949 and the Sutman Yohe VFW Post 1409, all of Monongahela. He is survived by his wife, Betty Warren Bright, with whom he celebrated 59 years of marriage on October 9, 2007; two sons, Harry E. Bright Jr. and wife, Tammy, of Virginia Beach, Va., and Bradley J. Bright and wife, Mary Ellen, of Knoxville, Tenn.; one daughter, Bonnie Bickerton, at home; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; two brothers, George and Charles Bright, both of Monongahela; two sisters, Bertha Mae Reichel, of Monongahela, and Mary Alice Rogers, of Arkansas; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Rosemary Frances Bright; and two brothers, Ralph "Taxi" and Earl "Bud" Bright. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136), where services will be held Saturday, February 9, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Raymond Ursin officiating. Committal services and interment will follow in Mt. Zion Cemetery, with full military honors accorded at the grave by the Monongahela Firing Squad and Honor Guard.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joseph Cieply
Monessen

Joseph Cieply, 81, of Monessen, died Wednesday, February 6, 2008, in UPMC McKeesport. A complete obituary and funeral service information will be announced in Friday's edition by the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700).

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

George M. Dudas
Edinburg, Pa.

George M. Dudas, 54, of Edinburg, Pa., passed away Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Jameson Hospital, New Castle, Pa. He was born March 12, 1953, in Monongahela, a son of John and Marie Paro Dudas, who survive and reside in Monongahela. He was employed for 25 years as a critical care nurse at Northside Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio, where he was a mentor for student nurses and also taught critical care classes. For the past two years, Mr. Dudas was a nurse at the Fresenious Medical Center in Youngstown. Catholic by faith, he was a graduate of Mon Valley Catholic High School class of 1971. He was a 1975 graduate of Slippery Rock University with a bachelor of science degree in allied health and education and a 1980 graduate of St. Frances School of Nursing in New Castle. Mr. Dudas was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers and Penguins fan, a history buff, and he enjoyed gardening. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Kathy J. Paswell Dudas, whom he married May 26, 1979; one daughter, Katie M. Dudas, of Edinburg; one son, Patrick M. Dudas, of Pittsburgh; nephews and niece, Ross and Lauren Paswell, and Marc Dudas; one brother, Joseph Dudas and wife, Susan, of Houston, Pa.; one sister, Catherine Kukich and husband, Sylvester, of Pleasant Hills; and one brother-in-law, Frank R. "Lucky" Paswell and wife, Janine, of Ellwood City. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Kathryn A. Gibbons Paswell and Frank A. Paswell Jr. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the SAMUEL TEOLIS FUNERAL HOME INC., 309 Spring Ave., Ellwood City, Pa. 16117 (724-758-3222). Those attending the 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Redeemer Church on Saturday, February 9, are asked to meet at the funeral home by 9:20 a.m., as the procession to church will begin to leave at 9:30 a.m. Interment will follow in Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Anastasia Ehko
Carroll Township

Anastasia Ehko, 85, of Carroll Township, died peacefully on Monday, February 4, 2008. She was born February 6, 1922, in Charleroi, a daughter of the late Frank and Anna Madzey Ruschak. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Charleroi and a former member of the ladies auxiliary and church choir.

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She was a loving and devoted wife and mother who loved to read and sing. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Edward John Ehko; three children, Carole Mack and husband, Bob, of North Versailles, Edward Ehko Jr. and wife, Linda, of Bedford, and Gayle Hamilton and husband, Mark, of Greensburg; five grandchildren, Brad Sigut and wife, Karilynn, Amy Ervin and husband, Grant, Duane Ehko, and Andrew and Anthony Hamilton; four great-grandchildren, Brady, Morgan and Bryce Sigut, and Marley Ervin; and two sisters, Mary Demsey, of Oakmont, and Olga Campbell, of Beaver. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother and sister, John Ruschak and Ann Bell. Friends will be received in the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., 825 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral service will be held Friday, February 8, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Frank Zeman of St. John's Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment will be in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. On-line condolences will be accepted for the family at www.melenyzerfuneralhomes.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary Lebois
California, Pa.

Mary Prebonich Lebois, 78, of California, Pa., died Tuesday, February 5, 2008. She was born June 14, 1929, in Nemacolin, Pa., the daughter of the late John and Katherine Prebonich. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Gaston Lebois, in 1987; and three brothers, John, Frank and Rudy. Mary was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She remained active and involved, not only with her family, but also in the California community, where she lived for over 50 years. She was proud of the accomplishments of her five children and eight grandchildren and found recent joy in becoming a great-grandmother. Mary was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church in California, where she was in the Christian Mothers Ladies Guild. She was an avid golfer, walker and a wonderful dancer. Surviving are her daughters and son, Michelle Raymond and Paul Morrison, of Pompano Beach, Fla., Marcelle Theis Altzner and husband, James, of Shadyside, Corrine Toth and husband, Richard, of Irwin, Yvonne Kacvinsky and husband, Michael, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Gaston Lebois Jr. and wife, Nora, of Salisbury, Md.; four sisters, Kay Rendina, Josephine Jackson and husband, James, Elizabeth Glover and husband, Ben, and Ann Blackwell and husband, Walt; and sisters-in-law, Olga Pribanich and Ann Pribanich. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Dr. Jennifer Toth and husband, Dr. Robert Stevenson, Carley Toth and Jayson Beech, Andrew Toth and wife, Heather, Ashley and Kevin Kacvinsky, Allison Theis Dolan and husband, Brian, and Ryan and Evan Lebois; great-grandchildren, Ember Toth, Antonina and Cole Stevenson, and Anne Elizabeth Dolan; as well as many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all of her family and friends. Friends will be received in the MARISCOTTI FUNERAL HOME INC., Anthony N. Mariscotti, Supervisor, 323 Fourth St., California (724-938-7678), on Friday, February 8, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and until 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, when prayers of transfer will be said followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas Aquinas Church with Fr. George Moneck as celebrant. Interment will follow in LaFayette Memorial Park, Brier Hill. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either the Dr. Gaston Lebois Scholarship Fund at The Foundation for California University, 250 University Ave., Box 59, California, Pa. 15419; or, The Mission of Hope Foundation, c/o Kevin Kacvinsky, P.O. Box 244, Irwin, Pa. 15642.

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Florence G. Golomb
Clearwater, Fla. Formerly of Pittsburgh

Florence G. Golomb, formerly of Monongahela and Mount Lebanon, died Tuesday, February 6, 2008, in Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater, Fla. She was 91. Mrs. Golomb, who was active in a wide variety of community activities in Monongahela and also with Mon-Vale Health Resources Inc. and Monongahela Valley Hospital Inc. for many years, was born October 9, 1916, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of the late Joseph and Bella Brand. She was elected to the Monongahela Valley Hospital Board of Trustees in 1978 and subsequently served on the Board of Directors of Mon-Vale Health Resources Inc., the hospital's parent company, until she transitioned to Emeritus status in 2001. She was a life member of the Auxiliary of Mon-Vale Health Resources Inc., with more than 45 years of service. She served as Auxiliary president at the former Memorial Hospital of Monongahela in New Eagle and was instrumental in the establishment of the Remembrance Gift Giving and Memorial Fund and the annual Strawberry Festival at the hospital. She also played key roles in the consolidation of the auxiliaries at Memorial Hospital of Monongahela and Charleroi-Monessen Hospital when they formed the new Auxiliary of Mon-Vale Health Resources Inc. in 1978. In addition, she was instrumental in the planning and construction of the first Gift Shop and Snack Bar at Monongahela Valley Hospital. Mrs. Golomb and her late husband, Dr. Norman G. Golomb, also were active with and benefactors of numerous charitable organizations, including the American Cancer Society, United Way, American Heart Association and the March of Dimes. "Our health system and the community have lost a true and beloved friend," Louis J. Panza Jr., president and chief executive officer of Monongahela Valley Hospital, said of Mrs. Golomb. "Florence and Norman truly represented the meaning of generosity and dedication, not only to the enhancement of quality health care but also to the enrichment of the quality of life for people in the mid-Monongahela Valley and beyond. The Golomb family has been for many years, and continues to be highly respected benefactors of our health system and other charitable causes in the community." It was through the generosity and insight of Dr. and Mrs. Golomb that Monongahela Valley Hospital's Pathways Promoting Progress In Health philanthropic program was introduced in 1992. The family also was instrumental in the establishment of a new Platinum Level of giving in the Pathways program in 1996. Mrs. Golomb's children presented a special contribution at that time in recognition and honor of their mother's 80th birthday. In 1995, to perpetuate the memory of her husband and his commitment to nursing education, Mrs. Golomb established the Norman G. Golomb, M.D. Memorial Education Endowment at Monongahela Valley Hospital. The endowment provides continuing education scholarships for nurses and also sponsors the annual Nurses Appreciation Day at MVH. In 1987, the Monongahela Chamber of Commerce honored Dr. and Mrs. Golomb as Citizens of the Year. They also were the recipients that year of the Congressional District Award from Congressman Austin J. Murphy for outstanding community service. In 1991, Mrs. Golomb and her husband were honored with the Rose Award for Dimensions In Philanthropy at the hospital's third annual Gala at Churchill Valley Country Club in Pittsburgh. The award, created in honor of Rose Sweeney Melenyzer, recognizes outstanding benefactors for their generosity and dedication to the enhancement of Monongahela Valley Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Golomb were married for 53 years. Dr. Golomb was a physician for nearly 55 years and a practicing physician in Monongahela for 46 years. Mrs. Golomb is survived by two sons, Roger Golomb, of Clearwater, Fla., and Eliot Golomb, of Los Angeles, Calif.; a daughter, Lois Treloar, of Pittsburgh; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Services will be held today in Florida and interment will take place Friday, February 8, at the Ahavath Achim Cemetery in Kennedy Township (Allegheny County). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions in honor of Mrs. Golomb be made to: Mon-Vale Health Resources Inc., 1163 Country Club Road, Monongahela, Pa. 15063, and be designated for the Norman G. Golomb, M.D. Memorial Education Endowment.

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Florence B. Golomb
Clearwater, Fla. Formerly of Pittsburgh

Florence B. Golomb, 91, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Pittsburgh, died Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater. She was born October 9, 1916, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Joseph and Bella Brand. She was married for 53 years to the late Norman Golomb, MD, and lived most of that time in Monongahela, where her husband was in medical practice and she was an active member of the community. Mrs. Golomb was the devoted mother of Roger (Lorraine) Golomb, MD, Eliot (Linda) Golomb and Lois (Nigel) Treloar; sister of Shirley Stearns and the late Erwin Brand; and sister-in-law of Florence Fralin. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, of whom she was very proud; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held in Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater. Graveside services and interment will be held Friday, February 8, at 11 a.m. in Ahavath Achim Cemetery, Green Oak Drive, Kennedy Township. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Norman Golomb Scholarship Fund of Mon Vale Health Foundation, 1163 Country Club Road, Monongahela, Pa. 15063. Arrangements entrusted to RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL INC., Pittsburgh.

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POLICE LOG

State police, Belle Vernon

■ A man armed with a butcher knife robbed the St. Vincent de Paul Store in Republic on Tuesday, fleeing with an undetermined amount of cash, police said.

The suspect entered the store at 1023 Main St. shortly before 5 p.m. and demanded money from an employee, police said.

The suspect is described as a white male in his late teens or early 20s, between 5 feet 6 inches and 5 feet 10 inches tall with a thin build. He was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and a black mask.

■ Elanor Balentine, 55, of 484 Perry Road, Perry Township, reported at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday that an unknown person broke the window on the entrance door of her home.

■ Richard Celaschi, of Fayette City, reported that sometime betwee Saturday and Tuesday, unknown actors entered an exterior shed on his property and stole a 2005 Honda Rincon quad, green in color, and valued at $5,000.

■ Donna Dunay, 41, of Wickhaven, suffered minor injuries as a result of being in a one-vehicle accident 1:36 a.m. Tuesday on Route 51 in Perryopolis. State police said her vehicle went off the road and struck an advertisement sign.

■ Jeffery Ruffing, 44, of Bentleyville, reported that sometime before Tuesday unknown actors broke the side window of his vehicle and stole a television and a tool box.

■ Ernest Carson, of Dawson, was charged with harassment 12:45 a.m. Jan. 30 after he allegedly struck Scherrie Jarmon, of Dawson, in the face at her residence.

Monessen

■ Police responded to a domestic incident at 126 Donner Ave., 4:19 p.m. Tuesday. The following people were charged with disorderly conduct: Angel Frezzell, 18, and Edwina Womack, 45, both of 1598 Summit Ave., Monessen, and Taihiesha Frezzell, 30, of 929 Summit Ave., Monessen.

■ Police charged four male juveniles from Monessen, - two 17-year-olds, one 16-year-old and one 14-year-old - with harassment 8:54 p.m. Tuesday as a result of an incident that took place at 327 Forest St.

Donora

■ Alec Pipik, 21, of Charleroi, is accused of crashing his car into three parked vehicles on the 400 block of Fifth Street and then fleeing the scene.

Police said Pipik kept driving after his car collided into the other vehicles at 7:14 a.m. Sunday.

He was charged with drunk driving, accidents involving damage to unattended vehicles and failure to notify police of an accident, police said.

RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

Frederick L. Lizza
Dunbar

Frederick L. "Fred" Lizza, 85, of Dunbar, passed away Wednesday, February 6, 2008, in Presby Health Center, Washington, Pa. He was born August 6, 1922, in Dunbar, the son of the late Bedy and Margaret Oostabile Lizza. He was a member of St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church and formerly employed as an assembler by Keystone Fireworks Manufacturing Co. in Dunbar. Mr. Lizza was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific Theater. He is survived by his wife, Doris Miller Lizza; one daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Francis "Wick" Farrell, of Charleroi; two granddaughters, Jocelyn and Marissa Farrell; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Wilbur and Ellen Lizza, Bedy Jr. and Catherine Lizza, and Harry Lizza, all of Dunbar. Friends will be received Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the BURHANS-CROUSE FUNERAL HOME, 28 Connellsville St., Dunbar (724-277-8514). Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 9, beginning with 11 a.m. prayers in the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. in St. Aloysius R.C. Church, Ranch Road, Dunbar, with the Rev. Msgr. J. Edward McCullough officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Fayette City (Brownstown).

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Walter P. Lunn III
Charleroi

Walter Parker Lunn III, 59, of Charleroi, passed away Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital following a brief illness. He was born in Plymouth, Mass., on February 6, 1948, to the late Walter P. Lunn Jr. and Ruth Mowry Lunn. He loved his family and friends and was always there. His companion and friend, Alice F. Nedley, preceded him in death in January 2006. Left to mourn his life are two sisters, Victoria Sullivan and husband, William, of Douglas, Mass., and Sandra Bentley, of Connecticut; Tina Nedley, of Charleroi, whom he called his daughter; two grandsons, Moses Pikovisky and Ronald Davis, of Charleroi; aunts, uncles and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. A memorial service will be held Friday, February 8, at noon in Gospel Alliance Church, 627 McKean Ave., Charleroi, with Pastor Brad Sickler officiating. Burial will be private. The WILLIAM R. TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME, McMahon Avenue, Monessen (724-684-4877), Trudy Taylor Bristol, director, is in charge of arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Pasquale S. "Patsy" Martucci
Monessen

Pasquale S. "Patsy" Martucci, 74, of Monessen, died Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital Inc. He was born in Monessen on September 25, 1933, the son of the late Alfano and Rose Petrancosta Martucci. He was a lifelong resident of Monessen, a 1951 graduate of Monessen High School, and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Music/Music Education from Duquesne University. He was a retired teacher and music director from the Chartiers Valley School District. Patsy was a founding member of the Italian Orchestra, having played his accordion at Italian festivals throughout southwestern Pennsylvania. Following retirement, he worked as an attendant at the Raymond D. Dalfonso Funeral Home and the Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home Inc. Patsy was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society, having been named Father of the Year in 2003. He served as choir director at the church until 2001. He was a member and past secretary of the Monessen Lions Club, having received the Pennsylvania Foundation Fellow Award in 2002. Mr. Martucci also was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 954 in Monessen and the Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, Psi Chapter. Patsy served his country during peacetime with the U.S. Army in Germany, becoming a member of the Army Band. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Claudia Pantaleo Martucci; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carmela and Dan Coldren, of Perryopolis, and Anita and Konstantin Aronov, of Philadelphia; two grandchildren, Gina and Dominic Coldren; one sister, Rosalie Pilliterri, of Pittsburgh; one brother-in-law, Richard Pantaleo and wife, Pamela, of Monongahela; five nieces and nephews, Christopher Pilliterri, Juliette Courtney and husband, William, and Katherine, Regina and Richard Pantaleo; and one great-niece and nephew, Christina and William Courtney. Friends will be received Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750). Services will be held Friday, Feb. 8, beginning with a 9:30 a.m. Blessing in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church. Interment will follow in St. Hyacinth Cemetery, Monessen. Members of the Monessen Lions Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and the Knights of Columbus Council 954, at 8 p.m., in the funeral home, to pay their respects. Condolences accepted for the family at www.dalfonso-billick.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Michael R. McBride Sr.
Charleroi

Michael R. McBride Sr., 60, of Charleroi, died suddenly on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in the emergency room at Mon Valley Hospital. He was born July 12, 1947, in Buffington, a son of the late Andrew and Ruth Crawford McBride. Mike was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Charleroi and was Past Commander of VFW Post No. 167 in Charleroi. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served two tours of duty in Vietnam. Mike was retired from the D.E.R., where he was an inspector. Surviving is his wife, Agnes Allen McBride; two sons, Michael R. McBride Jr. and wife, Heather, and Christopher McBride and Tory, of Charleroi; two daughters, Rebecca Cain and husband, Tim, of Arlington, Texas, and Mary Hodgson and husband, Michael, of Carroll Township; two brothers, Andrew McBride, of Rancho Cordova, Calif., and Chuck McBride, of Cummings, Ga.; one sister, June Antus, of Lorain, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Dakota, Kaylee, Brianna, Dylan, Hunter, Garrett and Brooke; three step-grandchildren, Zachary, Eddie and Nola; one step-great-grandson, Landon; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by twin sisters, Carol Weakland and Carolyn Dziurzynski. Friends will be received Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (www.schrock-hogan.com), 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, February 9, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church in Charleroi. Interment will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township, will full Military Rites.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

John E. Ramsey
Perryopolis
(Jefferson Township)

John E. Ramsey, 79, of Perryopolis (Jefferson Township), entered into eternal rest with his loving family at his side on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. He was born August 20, 1928, in Fayette City, a son of the late Abe and the late Ruth Coughenour. He was a member of Braznell C&MA Church. Mr. Ramsey worked at Corning Glass from 1944 to 1946 and served with the U.S. Air Force in Japan from 1946 to 1949. He was a carpenter for many years and retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Allenport Plant in 1993. Surviving are three daughters, Cindy Kostelac and husband, Ken, of Belle Vernon, Laurene Ramsier and husband, Bruce, of Perryopolis, and Luanne Ramsey, of Belle Vernon; one son, John A Ramsey and wife, Donna, of Stevensville, Md.; nine grandchildren, Tracy Everett, Kelly Seaton, Chad Everett, Melissa Fidel and husband, Charles, Emily Kostelac and fiance , Matt Johnston, John-Paul Kostelac, Jordan Ramsier, Alanna Ramsier, and Todd Kostelac and wife, Shelley; nine great-grandchildren, Morgan Fidel, Damian Fidel, Dragen Kostelac, Tyler Everett, Trent Everett, Trisha Everett, Gavin Seaton, Owen Seaton and Cody Seaton; one sister, Sally Pisarchick, of Ohio; and one aunt, Grace Sindlinger, of New Castle. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leah A. Livingstone Ramsey; and one brother, Melvin Ramsey. Friends will be received in the ELEY-McCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., 334 Main St., Fayette City (724-326-5621), on Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, February 9, until 11 a.m., the hour of services in the funeral home with the Rev. George McNeel officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. www.eleymccroryfuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Eunice M. Stoker
Monongahela
Formerly
of Brentwood

Eunice M. Stoker, 88, of Monongahela, formerly of Brentwood, died Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Autumn Arbor Estates. She was born February 19, 1919, in McDonald, a daughter of the late Charles and Margaret Walsh Land. Eunice was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church in Charleroi and its Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and a former member of Transfiguration Church in Monongahela, and St. Sylvester's Church in Brentwood. Mrs. Stoker was formerly employed at the Frank and Cedar Department Store and Rosenbaum's Department Store, both in Pittsburgh. She was a member and former secretary of the Charleroi Area Senior Citizens Association, where she was very active with the Meals on Wheels program. Mrs. Stoker also was a former member of the Willock Association Ladies Auxiliary in Baldwin. In her spare time she enjoyed reading and playing bingo. She is survived by her son, Thomas Stoker and wife, Beverly, of Jefferson Hills; her daughter, Linda Mayou and husband, Brock, of Monongahela; nine grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Estella Cochran, of Canonsburg; and one brother, Richard Land, of Mt. Washington. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Stoker, on May 28, 1995; a daughter, Starr Burkhart, on March 16, 2004; three grandchildren, Nikki Mayou, and Billy and Terry Spurrier; two brothers, Charles and Peter Land; and three sisters, Madeline Land, Helen Chauvet and June Gardner. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, February 9, at 1 p.m. in Transfiguration Church with the Rev. George Chortos, pastor, as celebrant. Committal services and interment will follow in Round Hill Cemetery, Elizabeth Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

James Strennen
Scenery Hill

James Strennen, 76, of Scenery Hill, Pa., died Monday, February 4, 2008, in The Washington Hospital, Washington, Pa. Jim was born March 20, 1931, in Sunnyside, Pa., the son of Stephen and Gladys Beadling Strennen. He has lived in the Mon Valley area all his life and made a home with his family in Scenery Hill since 1965. He was a dedicated teacher for thirty-three years in the Trinity Area School District, starting as an elementary math and science teacher. In addition to those duties, Jim also taught in the pilot Adult Basic Education program for Trinity for twenty-five years - a program which aided people in obtaining a GED. His devotion to educating and nurturing his students was always observed by the extra care he put into the personal attention he gave everyone. Jim was a devoted husband to Joanne Greene Strennen for 39 years (married in Winchester, Va., in 1952). He and the family supported each other when she died of a failed heart transplant at the age of 59. He never remarried and always carried her memory with him. James was a loving father to six children and grandfather of nine: Judith Monosky (husband Keith), of Oak Hill, Va., Jay Strennen (wife Kathy), of Modena, N.Y., Jody Strennen (wife Wanda, and children Chad and Cory), of Scenery Hill; Joni Strennen (and children, Richard Pierce, Jennifer Gizoni and Douglas Schwenker), of York, Pa., James Strennen (wife Donna, and children, Matthew and Samantha), of Canonsburg, Pa., and Jerry Strennen (wife Lorie, and children, Abigail and Zachary), of McMurray, Pa. There also are four great-grandchildren. He was also a surrogate father to the Robert Ashbaugh family, of Belle Vernon, Pa. Family and friends will be received Thursday, February 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday, February 8, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen, Pa. In lieu of flowers and in honor of Jim's sincere commitment to education, the family suggests donations be made to: The Homeless Children's Education Fund, HCEF, 2100 Smallman St., 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222. This is a registered not-for-profit organization which helps homeless children in Allegheny County (also United Way GCEF is Contributor's Choice #963315). Jim was a faithful member and Sunday school teacher for over 35 years. He will be remembered during a funeral service at his church, the Belle Vernon Church of the Nazarene with Pastor J.E. Mitchell presiding. The service will be held Saturday, February 9, at 11 a.m. with interment directly following in Monongahela Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to gather at the church for a luncheon following the services. He leaves behind a family that will cherish his memory forever.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Veteran editor dies in Ohio at age 74

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Joe Fenley, who led the *Dayton Daily News* when the city's newspapers merged in 1986, died Tuesday. He was 74.

He had chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and died at the Dayton Veterans Administration Medical Center, said his daughter, Elizabeth Smith.

Fenley became managing editor in 1976 of the *Daily News*, which merged with the *Dayton Journal Herald*.

He first joined the newspaper in 1963 and retired in 1988.

Fenley also worked for *Industry Week* business magazine.

PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5

HARRISBURG (AP) — Toay's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $375,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Wednesday's game.

Lottery officials said 88 players matched four numbers and won $305 each; 3,854 players matched three numbers and won $11.50 each; and 50,758 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS — WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

DAY PICK 3:	7-6-0
NIGHT PICK 3:	7-5-0
DAY PICK 4:	9-0-8-8
NIGHT PICK 4:	9-6-4-0
TREASURE HUNT:	3-6-22-28-29
CASH 5:	4-6-28-37-41
POWERBALL:	3-5-12-42-43
POWERBALL:	5 POWERPLAY: 5

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS — WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

DAY PICK 3:	8-9-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-8-7
DAY PICK 4:	0-6-9-9
NIGHT PICK 4:	6-7-3-3
ROLLING CASH 5:	6-9-21-26-27
CLASSIC LOTTO:	14-23-32-43-44-49

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS — WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

DAILY 3:	8-9-8
DAILY 4:	6-0-2-4
HOT LOTTO:	1-15-23-25-37 HB: 16

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OUR OPINION

Budget lies from Gov. Rendell

TOO BAD THERE'S not a truth-in-budgeting law. If there were, Gov. Ed Rendell would be facing charges for violating it.

And no wonder the governor's official news release touting his fiscal 2008-2009 budget led off with dubious rebates of up to $400 for Pennsylvania's "working poor" — he needed such a populist carrot to hide the big stick with which he intends to whack everyone else.

Mr. Rendell manipulates numbers like the Amazing Kreskin bends spoons. Take, for instance, the increase in General Fund spending. It's outlandish enough that Fast Eddie lays claim to a 4.2 percent spending increase.

But crunch the numbers, as The Commonwealth Foundation did, and learn that Rendell is a recidivist fudger. The actual spending increase is 5.7 percent.

And then there's Rendell's claim that he's holding the line on taxes. Never mind that he's actually raising taxes. For the second time, Rendell wants to delay a step in phasing out the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax.

As originally adopted, it should be set to expire on Jan. 1, 2009. But Rendell wants a rate of 2.49 mills instead of the scheduled phased-in rate of 1.89 mills. And that represents a loss of nearly $200 million that Pennsylvania businesses could have used to expand and create jobs.

Here's hoping the Legislature rejects such machinations.

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

ANOTHER VIEW

The (Allentown) Morning Call on loggers:

Tall and majestic in the landscape, the silhouettes of trees are striking against the winter sky. The wood of old-growth hardwoods, black cherries, maples, oaks, black walnuts, ash and hickory store the heat of many years of summer sun and their timber is beautiful when made into fine furniture.

In this time of a changing economy, tightened belts and high heating bills, they can also be the target of thieves.

Illegal tree harvesting happens for two reasons, for firewood and the sale of trees for lumber. With heating oil prices at $3 a gallon, wood burning stoves are an alternative for many. Sizable wood piles near homes in the Valley attest to the number of people who are heating their homes with wood. Unfortunately, not everyone buys firewood from a supplier or harvests trees from his own land.

Tree thieves, often striking at night, take trees from private property and, increasingly, state game lands and forests. The loss of timber from state-owned lands is estimated to be over $1 million a year in Pennsylvania. American hardwood lumber also is much in demand in China and Europe. For instance, fine wood that can be used for furniture veneers translates to thousands of dollars for one tree.

Pennsylvania, unlike other states, has no law requiring loggers to be licensed. Permits and certification are required to operate on public lands, but there is no broader requirement. That makes the illegal taking of trees more difficult to prosecute. Add the facts that the only evidence of theft is stumps, and that owners of woods may not discover trees missing until long after the theft, and the challenge becomes even more difficult.

Some states have used sophisticated crime scene techniques. In Indiana, for instance, Purdue University helped to make a DNA match between a valuable black cherry log at a saw mill and a stump.

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Follow 11th commandment

Kathryn **LOPEZ**

It's long past time we got a political grip. Americans, Republicans especially, need a little perspective. In the days before Super Tuesday, as the race for the GOP nomination became John McCain's to lose, McCain continued his dishonest and dishonorable attacks against Mitt Romney. In a debate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, he continued to insist, as he had just before the Florida primary, that Romney was on the side of defeat in Iraq.

McCain's criticism is that during a TV interview last year, Romney endorsed the idea of private timetables between the United States and Iraq. This is not inconsistent with proposals McCain himself has considered. But McCain remembers that the word "timetable" was a Beltway buzzword last year for withdrawing from Iraq. Getting out of Iraq, however, is not what Romney was talking about. The fact that the two of them are squabbling so much is a ridiculous distraction.

Instead of letting it go after everyone, from the Associated Press and The New York Times to conservative talk-show host and lawyer Mark Levin, revealed McCain's attack to be disingenuous, McCain continued to focus like a laser on Romney. In fact, during that last debate before Super Tuesday, McCain put Romney in league with Harry Reid, who famously said last spring, "I believe ... that this war is lost." Today we know the war was not and is not lost. It is not lost in large part because Washington leaders like George W. Bush, McCain and Joe Lieberman, among others, wouldn't let the Democrats force them into defeat and withdraw from Iraq prematurely.

The real proponents of not finishing the job we started are the Democrats who either McCain or Romney will face before long. Flashback to last spring, and most memorably and infuriatingly to last September, and you'll remember the left-wing, antiwar group MoveOn running the reprehensible "General Petraeus or General Betray Us?" ad. They accused this American hero of "Cooking the Books for the White House" in making his case for the in-progress surge of troops on the ground in Iraq. Hillary Clinton, during Petraeus' Senate testimony at the time, accused him of lying to the Senate. Clinton said that believing his cautiously optimistic report required a "willing suspension of disbelief."

The president of the United States is the commander in chief of our armed forces. If he or she does nothing else, we need the president to take that responsibility seriously. Yet Clinton, who originally authorized the war in Iraq, publicly undercut our military efforts there, in the face of the commander of our troops. It was a disgrace.

And what's the other choice on the Democratic side? Barack Obama, who opposed the war in Iraq. Unlike Clinton, who changed her mind when the war became unpopular, he's been consistently against an important front in this war on terror. Neither has shown a serious understanding of the threat we face. We're in a war we didn't choose to be in but rose to the occasion.

Today, we're not losing in Iraq because the president of the United States, as one senior administration official put it recently to me, "had the courage and determination to stick it out under tremendously difficult circumstances." We need that kind of leader in the White House.

I understand why McCain is hostile toward Romney. I believe it's about more than him wanting to be president. McCain and his family have served their nation valiantly, and when he looks at Romney he sees a man who didn't serve, whose sons didn't serve and who didn't take the bold stand he did last year on the surge. But serving heroically does not entitle you to be president, nor does not serving disqualify you. And when you consider the options that will be before us this fall, there are clear choices. But McCain muddies that clarity when he dishonestly pretends that Romney was on the Democratic side last year. Let me be clear: Romney was not the bold surge leader that McCain was. The Arizona senator deserves credit for his position, an unpopular one at the time. However, while Romney was cautious, he wasn't the opposition. The Democrats who are the road to the White House today were and are the opposition.

Reagan's 11th commandment — Thou shalt not speak ill of any fellow Republican — was primarily about judgment and perspective. Don't beat too hard on your teammates; ultimately, you're on the same side. McCain's attack on Romney blurs the distinctions on a fundamental issue of this war: Who is qualified to be commander in chief? Who is on the side of responsibility and victory? The answers can be found on the right side of the race, not the left.

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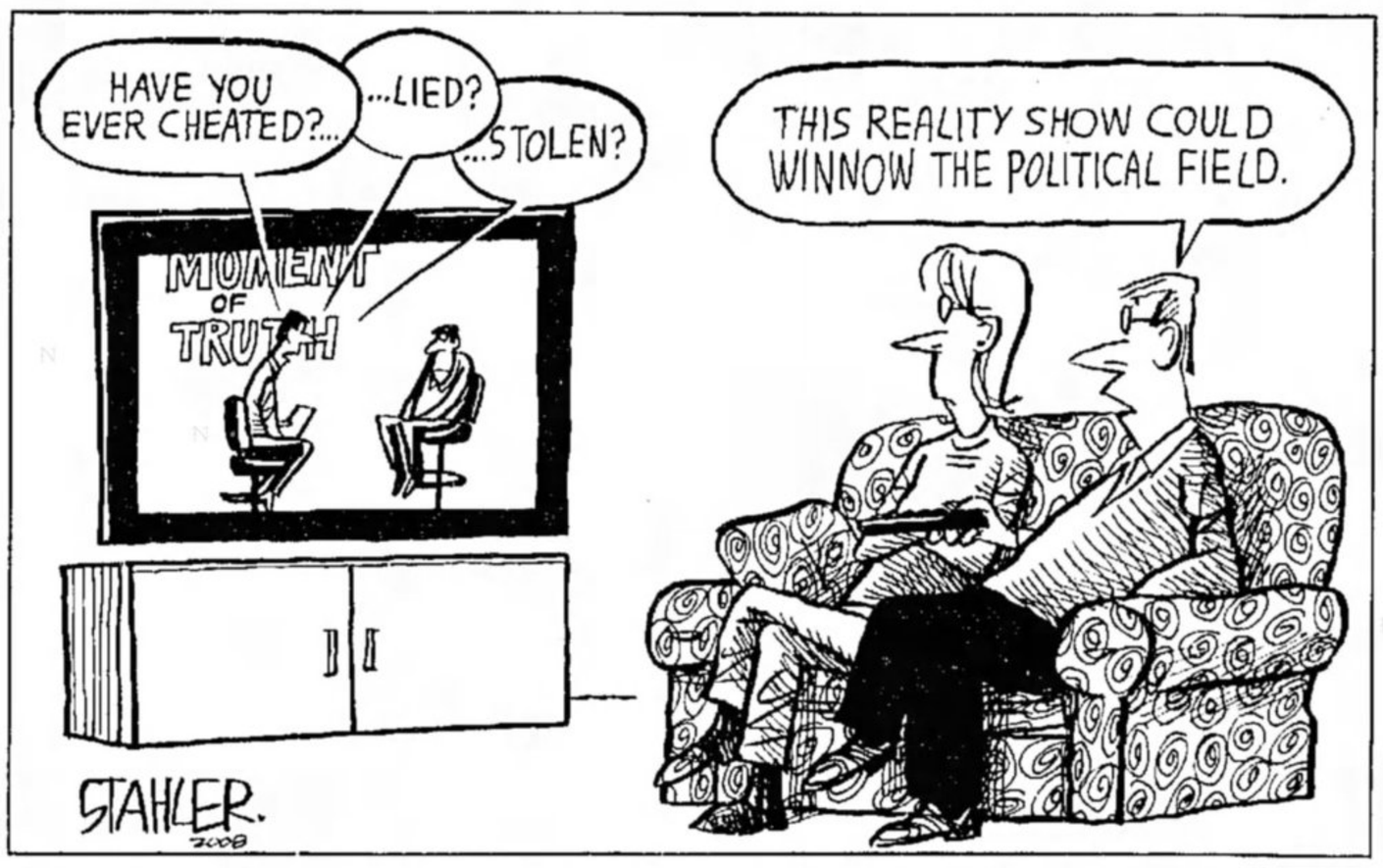

Muzzle that Bill

Gene **LYONS**

In this time of strife among Democrats, it's good to know so many of the nation's deepest political thinkers have the party's interests at heart. Writing in The Wall Street Journal, former Reagan speechwriter Peggy Noonan laments, "the Clintons are tearing theParty apart. It will not be the same after this." True, the same column contends "George W. Bush destroyed the Republican Party," but that's for another day.

In The Washington Post, Robert Novak warns that the primary contest between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama "is fraught with peril for the Democratic Party coalition because it threatens to alienate its essential African-American component." That would break Novak's adamantine heart. On MSNBC, the brows of former Florida GOP congressman Joe Scarborough and one-time "morality czar" (and casino habitue) Bill Bennett are furrowed permanently.

On the same network, virtually every pundit who discussed the South Carolina primary did so in racial, or, if you prefer, demographic, terms. The Washington Post's estimable African-American columnist Eugene Robinson started on the evening of the New Hampshire primary. He wondered aloud if Sen. Clinton's surprise victory resulted from the "Bradley effect," i.e. white voters speaking well of a black candidate but yielding to racist impulses in the darkness of the voting booth.

At this level of absurdity, honest debate becomes impossible. "Identity," crudely construed, is all; and all is identity. Every political statement constitutes an affirmation of group loyalty. "Speaking as an African-American gay woman" or "As a long-married white man..." That's supposed to be the end of the story. To disagree constitutes bigotry. No safe metaphors exist.)

Everything about Obama's personal story stands in opposition to ethnic groupthink. It's a repudiation of Americanism, one he denounces often. But (like most of us) Obama's not always been perfectly consistent. He wasn't in South Carolina. Many of his supporters, particularly among the media, want to have it both ways in pursuit of the great goal of humiliating Hillary and Bill Clinton. For the same reason Noonan and Novak are crying crocodile tears, it's a dangerously divisive strategy.

Let's pass over the ensuing humbug over Clinton's MLK/LBJ remarks, the "fairy tale" business and surrogates' references to Obama's youthful drug use. (Drugs are an inherently black problem? In the USA? Who knew? Has there been a presidential candidate since 1992 whose personal drug use wasn't an issue? OK, Bob Dole. Anybody else?) Harkening to a theme pundits pushed since New Hampshire, MSNBC broke down South Carolina's exit polls by race even before actual results came in. Every newspaper account I read stressed Obama's winning 80 percent of the African-American vote.

On television, the usual talking heads — Chris Matthews, Howard Fineman, Margaret Carlson, et. al. — were partying like it was 1998 when the Monica Lewinsky story broke and the Clinton presidency was presumed DOA. So somebody sticks a camera in Bill Clinton's face, asks him an insulting question and he reminds them Jesse Jackson won the South Carolina primary twice, but never the nomination.

That set off racial sensitivity alarms throughout the media, and even certain normally more sensible precincts of the liberal blogosphere. Bill Clinton had played the race card! Hands were wrung. Lamentations filled the air. Because as we all know, Jackson (who supports Obama) exists in only one dimension — blackness — therefore any/all references to his political career constitute bigotry. Everybody else can spend hours parsing racial demographics, but not Bill Clinton.

But I'd also say this: Somebody needs to put the Big Dog back on the porch. His attacks on Obama are unbecoming in a former president; people are tired of the Clinton melodrama; and the bigger he looms, the smaller Hillary looks.

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NEWS

Rendell backs plan to scuttle drink tax

Proposed compromise also would clear the way for privatizing the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

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HARRISBURG - Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell said Wednesday he would sign a Republican senator's bill that would privatize the Pennsylvania Turnpike, repeal tolls on Interstate 80 and eliminate the poured drink tax in Allegheny County.

"I would support it, work for it and sign it," Rendell said about Sen. John Gordner's measure, if it would raise the same amount of money for transportation as the July law it aims to repeal.

That gives Gordner a powerful ally, though the proposal for a 50-year turnpike lease faces a struggle to get to the governor's desk.

Gordner of Bloomsburg wants to repeal Act 44 as an alternative to tolling I-80, which runs through his district.

That law, designed to raise $1 billion yearly for roads, bridges and mass transit, gave Allegheny County the right to impose a 10 percent tax on alcoholic drinks to help pay Port Authority costs.

"For my friends in Allegheny County, Senate Bill 1280 would repeal the drink tax," Gordner said Wednesday.

That tax was "specifically requested" by county Chief Executive Dan Onorato when lawmakers crafted the transportation funding bill, Gordner said.

"Until Harrisburg comes up with a bill that passes and gives us other options, we have no other options," Onorato said yesterday.

"I'm open-minded to having this conversation -- absolutely. If we get a better way to do it, I'm all for it," he added.

His spokesman, Kevin Evanto, disputed Gordner's assertion that Onorato specified that he wanted the drink tax.

He said Onorato sought options from the Legislature.

Allegheny County officials used the drink tax and a rental car tax authorized by Act 44 to plug a $30 million hole in the county's 2008 budget.

County Council President Rich Fitzgerald, D-Squirrel Hill, said he "would hope" the Legislature would replace any taxing authority the county would lose through a repeal of Act 44. There's more at stake than the drink and car rental taxes authorized under Act 44, though.

Act 44 provided stable funding for mass transit, which had received significant revenue from a public utility tax. But the amount began dropping sharply after the electric industry was deregulated in 1996.

"If Act 44 is repealed, all of that is undone," Fitzgerald said.

Gov. Ed Rendell

In Pittsburgh yesterday, Rendell said he always favored privatizing the turnpike.

"I would be willing to consider anything that got rid of the tolls (on I-80), as long as the money was equal or better, because we can't afford to go back on our commitment to (funding transportation)," he said.

Rendell contends a turnpike lease could raise more money than that raised under the current law. He expects to bring a bid for a lease to lawmakers before their summer recess. He needs legislative approval.

Gordner's plan differs from other plans because he would lease the turnpike in three segments.

He says that would make the bidding more competitive, without disrupting services to motorists.

Fayette buys paper-ballot machines

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The Fayette County commissioners Wednesday agreed to purchase 113 eScan machines, giving voters a paper-ballot option to the eSlate machines in the April 22 primary election.

The purchase was approved by Commissioners Vincent Zapotosky and Vincent Vicites.

Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink abstained, stating that insufficient information had been provided for her to make an informed decision.

With eScan, voters mark their choices on a paper ballot and feed the ballot into the machine, which stores the results on a flash card.

"I think the people of Fayette County have the right to the best system available," Vicites said.

"Turning or frustrating someone away from voting for the next president of the United States is a crime itself," Zapotosky said. "I don't think we rushed into anything. ... To me, it's the right thing to do and I'm proud to say we did pass the resolution."

The county spent $1.22 million two years ago to replace its 30-year-old, lever-voting system with eSlate machines. Voters use a dial to rotate through the choices in each race before pressing a button to select a candidate.

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arrangements had been booked by her company, the now-shuttered Mercur-Lombardo Travel Agency.

"Our formats were not like that," Stimmel said before U.S. District Judge Arthur J. Schwab, who is presiding over Wecht's public corruption trial. Yesterday was the seventh day of testimony.

Wecht, 76, of Squirrel Hill is charged with fraud and theft for allegedly using the Allegheny County Coroner's Office for private gain.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Wilson showed Stimmel 26 invoices supposedly issued by her company for Wecht's travels from 1997 to 2005.

All were bogus, she testified.

Prosecutors showed numerous invoices that were dated after Stimmel's business closed in 1999.

Stimmel said Wecht did book travel arrangements through the company's previous owner, Ron Lombardo.

Stimmel said she and her late husband went to a Wecht book signing at Duquesne University in hopes of landing his business. While they received his autograph inside a copy of his book "Grave Secrets," they received nothing more, she said.

"We never did get the account," she testified.

Kathy McCabe, one of Wecht's former secretaries in the coroner's office and a key government witness, helped advance the government's theory that Wecht personally benefited by having county employees do his private work on county time.

McCabe spent more than two hours testifying about handling business for Wecht's private cases while she was working at the morgue.

She identified letters she wrote for Wecht in which he was soliciting campaign contributions for his son, David, now a county Common Pleas judge.

Wecht has long been known for his panache in writing scathing letters to his critics. McCabe said she found it embarrassing to type these letters for him.

In one such letter, Wecht criticized someone while bragging of "making a hell of a lot of money" through his public and private career.

"Dad, great letter but not on county stationery," David Wecht warned his father in a handwritten note at the top of the letter, which prosecutors presented in court yesterday.

They introduced another pivotal memo, issued in 2004, by Wecht to pathologists and other employees at the coroner's office.

In it, Wecht said he had no problem with them having outside jobs, but warned that their duties to the county must come first.

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gahela Valley Catholic High School and a member of St. Jerome Catholic Church in Charleroi, Miss Lombardi was the first student from the Washington East Deanery chosen to the 16-member Catholic Youth Ministry.

■ A contract for restoration of the Monessen Civic Center was formally awarded to Murphy's Restoration, of Gree Tree. City Clerk/Administrator Howard Noll said Murphy's financial information was in order and cleared the way for the firm, the low bidder at $45,500, to begin the work. The project included cleaning the exterior brick wall, replacing windows, and refinishing the basketball court.

■ It was a true matter of all in the family as Lawrence Nemec Sr. was re-elected president of the Turkeytown Volunteer Fire Department and his son, Lawrence Nemec Jr., was retained as chief for the eleventh consecutive year. Also elected were Henry Matty, vice president; Daniel J. Pergola Sr., secretary and Laura Sauner, treasurer.

Entertainment Scene

There was no shortage of night life in the area. To wit:

■ Astra, Future and Harmony Scott, featuring Roy Scout. were scheduled at Step II in Monongahela; D.J. Donnie Z & Company held the spotlight at Brewster's in Charleroi; Jack Silvis was the disc jockey at the Valley Inn Social Hall; Just Blue Eyes and Jan were the featured exotic dancers at the Surf 'n Turf in Belle Vernon; Nightfall and DJ Johnny Q provided the music at Quest Lounge near Perryopolis; the Buddy Hix Trio was on stage at The American Legion in West Brownsville; the Mickey Sharp Trio was booked at the Belle Vernon Holiday Inn, and Tears and Laughter drew rave reviews at the Birchtree Restaurant and Lounge in Rostraver Township.

■ Elsewhere, the new Brass Saddle in Smithton touted a country western show and dance by Sweet Harmony; The Oz and Ken Garrett were ready to spin the vinyl at an Oldies and Top 40 dance at the Lock Four Fire Hall; the Hit Man and Reactor got the nod at the new Ambassador Lounge in Charleroi, and Whiskey River was ready to flow with great music at Molnar's Lounge near Elizabeth.

Business Bountiful

Among those advertising their specials in *The Valley Independent* was Rax (Fast Food With Style) Restaurant at Chamber Plaza in Charleroi. Patrons could savor a works burger or a regular roast beef sandwich for only 99 cents, while the popular Uncle Alligator Children's Meal carried that same price.

Keystone Bakery featured hard rolls, 6 for 59 cents; caramel pecan loaf, $1.99, and chocolate cake with coconut, $3.39, among its cost-saving items; Towne Casuals in Charleroi had a one-day-only sale with half-off bargains on all fall and and winter dresses, winter coats and sportswear; Kelly & Cohen, located in Tri-County Plaza, Rostraver, offered a variety of color portable tv sets from $149 to $327 and microwave ovens at $149 each, and Big G's Tire Service Center at Fifth and Main in Monongahela enticed customers with a $29.75 coupon special on brake repairs.

Raymond E. Linders was publisher of *The Valley Independent* in 1987. Others leading the newspaper were J. Frank Jaworowski, managing editor; John J. Bennati Sr., advertising manager; J. Thomas Black, circulation director; Violet Minjock, accountant; Jack C.F. Kerr, mechanical superintendent, and Brian Herman, sports editor.

(If you have memories to share or a story idea, contact Ron Paglia at ronpaglia@verizon.net or c/o The Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062.)

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You are not forgotten, loved one,
Nor will you ever be.
As long as life and memory last,
We shall remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes on we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.

2.
They say time heals all sorrows,
And helps us to forget,
But time so far has only proved
How much we miss you yet.
God gave us strength to fight it
And courage to bear the blow,
But what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.

3.
You have taken your long last journey
In the beautiful ship, called Rest,
Away from this world of sorrow
To the home of Eternal Rest.

4.
Today recalls sad memories
Of our dear one gone to rest
And the ones who think of you today,
Are the ones who love you best.

5.
Within our hearts we'll always keep
A special place for you
And try to do our best to live
As you would want us to.
We loved you so, we miss you,
In our memory you are near
Loved, remembered and longed for,
Always treasured with love sincere.

6.
Your life is a beautiful memory,
Your death is a silent grief,
You sleep in God's beautiful garden,
In the sunshine of perfect peace.

7.
Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is the picture we tenderly hold.
Deep in our hearts - memory is kept,
To love, cherish and never forget.

8.
Our hearts are heavy,
Our thoughts are all of thee,
How we really miss you, dear,
No one but God can see.
Some say time heals an aching heart,
But, no, it isn't true,
For many long years have passed
And our hearts still ache for you.

9.
Memories are treasures no one can steal,
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Loved dearly in life and living yet,
in the hearts of the ones who will
never forget.

10.
No one knows how much we miss you,
No one knows the bitter pain
We have suffered since we lost you,
Life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day, dear loved one
That we do not think of you.

11.
Tonight the stars are gleaming
Upon a lonely grave,
Where sleeps one without dreaming
The one we loved but could not save.
The rolling streams of life pass on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the smile, the love, the voice,
Of the one who once sat there.

12.
Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear;
Fond memories linger every day
Remembrance keeps them near.

13.
Gone, dear loved one, gone forever
How we miss your smiling face,
But you left us to remember,
None on earth can take your place.
A happy home we once enjoyed,
How sweet the memory still,
But death has left a loneliness,
The world can never fill.

14.
The depth of sorrow we cannot tell,
Of the loss of one we loved so well,
And while you sleep, a peaceful sleep,
Your memory we shall always keep.

15.
I formed a mental picture
Of the one I loved so dear,
He (She) went to meet his (her) Maker
Without a trace of fear.
Sometime I hope to join him (her),
What a meeting that will be,
When we are again united
Beyond life's sea of dreams.

16.
Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our eyes shed many tears,
God only knows how much we miss you
At the end of these long years,
And when evening shadows are falling,
And we are sitting all alone,
There comes to us a longing,
If only you could come home.

17.
Peacefully sleeping, resting at last,
His (hers) weary troubles and trials past,
In silence he (she) suffered,
In patience he (she) bore,
'Til God called him (her) home
To suffer no more.

18.
When links of life are broken
And loved ones have to part,
It leaves a wound that never heals
An ever aching heart,
So it does not take a special day,
To bring him (her) to our minds
For days that we do not think of him (her)
Are very hard to find.

19.
Within our store of memories,
He (she) holds a place apart.
For no one else can ever be
More cherished in our hearts.

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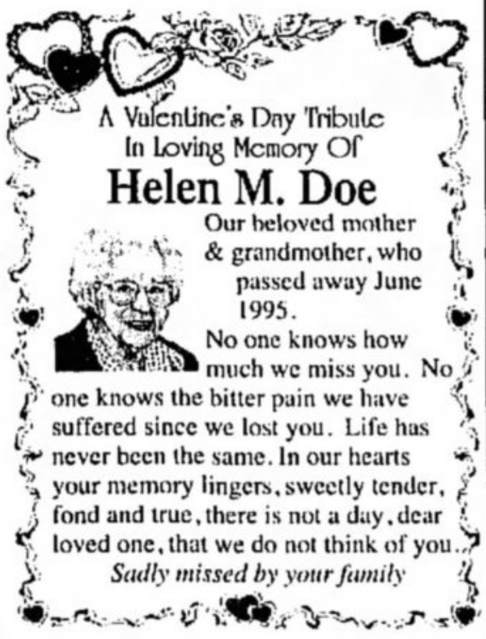
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Elizabeth Forward High School students will perform 7 p.m. Friday at their high school in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's District 1 Choral Festival. In front, from left, are Emily Santory, Jill Ulmer and Kristin Sanderson. In back, from left, are Brianna Ehrin, Alex Tamsula, Josh Hough and Jen Graban.

Top singers from a five-county area will perform Friday night.

By JEFF PIKULSKY
Staff Writer
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A group of local choral high school students will be part of an all-star lineup of the region's top high school choral singers performing Friday at Elizabeth Forward High School.

The Elizabeth Forward and Belle Vernon Area high schools are co-hosting the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's District 1 Choral Festival, which will begin at 7 p.m.

The choir, made of 165 students from grades 10-12 from schools in Westmoreland, Washington, Fayette, Greene and Allegheny counties, will perform about an hour of top notch music.

Belle Vernon Area choral director Michael Rozell said the audience is in for a quality show.

"This festival has music that, more often than not, wouldn't be performed in most high schools," he said. "This is the creme of the crop."

The performers were chosen from more than 500 who tried out.

Eight students were selected from both Elizabeth Forward and Belle Vernon.

The singers have been preparing since November.

Elizabeth Forward High School choral director Angela Berna Milliren performed in the festival when she attended Belle Vernon Area High School in the early 1990s.

She said the event was special to her and being one of the key organizers this year is an honor.

Milliren said the experience should stand out in most of the students' singing careers.

"It's the positive experience of singing with a lot of advanced singers. It's an eye-opening experience," she said. "It's college level choral."

The guest conductor for this year will be Capt. Daniel F. Toven, a former Westmoreland County music teacher who is now conductor of the United States Army European Soldiers' Chorus in Heidelberg, Germany.

The accompanist for the event will be Lisa Spang, a music teacher in the Elizabeth Forward School District.

Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door.

Ledger's father hopes death will alert others

Medical examiner blames overdose of prescription drugs.

By AMY WESTFELDT
Associated Press Writer

Ledger

PERTH, Australia — Heath Ledger's death by accidental overdose should serve as a warning to others not to mix prescription drugs, his father said, calling the loss an enduring agony for his family.

The New York medical examiner announced Wednesday that the 28-year-old "Brokeback Mountain" star died from the effects of taking six types of painkillers and sedatives.

Ledger's Jan. 22 death in his Manhattan apartment promoted outpourings of grief from New York to Hollywood to his hometown of Perth, a small city on the edge of the Outback in Australia's southwest.

Family members returned home from the United States this week and were reportedly planning a private service to lay Ledger to rest. His former girlfriend Michelle Williams and the couple's 2-year-old daughter, Matilda, arrived Wednesday to attend the ceremony, News Ltd. newspapers reported.

The West Australian newspaper reported this morning that the family was hoping to hold a wake Saturday at a Colonial-style waterfront restaurant at Cottesloe Beach, a resort village south of Perth that was a favorite spot of the actor's.

Kim Ledger, the actor's father, said in a statement released Wednesday that the family was humbled to be "among millions of people worldwide who may have suffered the tragic loss of a child."

"Few can understand the hollow, wrenching, and enduring agony parents silently suffer when a child predeceases them," he said.

He said the toxicology results should "put an end to speculation" about the cause of death.

"While no medications were taken in excess, we learned today the combination of doctor-prescribed drugs proved lethal for our boy," Kim Ledger said. "Heath's accidental death serves as a caution to the hidden dangers of combining prescription medication, even at low dosage."

Family members attended a memorial ceremony in Los Angeles last weekend, but the funeral arrangements have been kept a closely guarded secret.

Among those reportedly due to attend are Ledger's "Brokeback Mountain" co-star Jake Gylenhaal and a former girlfriend, Australian model Gemma Ward.

Matthew McConaughey portrays Ben "Finn" Finnegan, and Kate Hudson portrays Tess Finnegan in a scene from "Fool's Gold."

Associated Press

Film review

'Fool's Gold' should have stayed buried

McConaughey, Hudson look great, but have little chemistry.

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Movie Critic

There's a moment in "Fool's Gold" when Matthew McConaughey, as a flaky treasure hunter, finds himself stranded in the middle of the ocean, bobbing up and down as he clings to an ice chest, baking in the stillness of the sun and praying that someone will come by and rescue him.

And you're watching him thinking, "Yeah, I know exactly how he feels."

This painfully lifeless and lame romantic comedy from "Hitch" director Andy Tennant leaves you desperately wishing that someone — anyone — would swoop down and fix it. Pick up the pacing, juice up the chemistry, cut out 20 minutes, something. Be-cause as it stands, there's nothing romantic or comic about it.

McConaughey and Kate Hudson team up for a second time following 2003's formulaic but tolerable "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days."

And while they look great individually as they traipse about the Caribbean setting, showing off their tanned, toned bodies, they don't play terribly well off one another. (But at least now we understand why we've seen photographs of McConaughey's shirtless beach workouts online nearly every day for the past year or so. It's work-related — not because, you know, he's a shameless exhibitionist or anything.)

The script from Tennant, John Claflin and Daniel Zelman has Hudson and McConaughey, as the newly divorced Tess and Finn, awkwardly reconciling when a clue emerges that could lead to the hidden treasure they'd been obsessed with for years. This essentially consists of her hitting him on the head with various objects until she eventually realizes she'd rather make out with him instead. (A running gag about Finn's prowess in the bedroom, and how it still has a hold on Tess, is never particularly funny.)

But first we must go through tediously protracted explanations about the Queen's Dowry, 40 chests of Spanish treasure that were lost at sea in 1715. That's the short version; the way the story is told in "Fool's Gold" will make you dizzy with boredom.

Tess, who works as a steward aboard an enormous yacht owned by billionaire Nigel Honeycutt (Donald Sutherland, slumming it), persuades him to fund the expedition with Finn's help. Nigel has nothing better to do — and besides, he figures the adventure might provide a chance for him to reconnect with his estranged socialite daughter, Gemma (a shrilly bubble-headed Alexis Dziena), who's reluctantly come to visit.

Meanwhile, Finn must figure out where the treasure is buried before his competitor and former mentor, Moe (Ray Winstone, also slumming it), gets to it first. He's in serious debt to a rapper-gangster known as Bigg Bunny (Kevin Hart), who happens to own the entire island where the gold and jewels might be hidden.

And speaking of rabbits, the tone of "Fool's Gold" often feels as if Tennant & Co. were straining to create a live-action version of a Bugs Bunny cartoon, from the slapsticky physical humor to the constantly jaunty score. You know the one — where Bugs pops up from underground and proclaims, "Well here we are, Pismo Beach and all the clams we can eat!" — only to find that he and Daffy Duck accidentally have ended up in a cave surrounded by treasure.

At one point, Finn literally hops like a rabbit across the ocean floor while chained to an anchor. What's up with that, doc?

"Fool's Gold," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for action violence, some sexual material, brief nudity and language. Running time: 113 minutes.

One star out of four.

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D.J. Stan the Man, 10 p.m. to close, Monessen Hilltop Firemen's Club. Members and their guests welcome. (724) 684-9990.

Tommy Kal, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., Steel City Grille, 275 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen. (724) 684-7242.

Parents fear for Britney's life after early release

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Why was she released?

That's the lingering question after Britney Spears was discharged from the hospital Wednesday over the recommendation of her treating psychiatrist and against the wishes of her father, who has been named as her conservator.

Jamie and Lynne Spears, in a joint statement given to The Associated Press through their attorney, said they were "extremely disappointed" to learn their daughter had been allowed out.

"We are deeply concerned about our daughter's safety and vulnerability and we believe her life is presently at risk," the statement said. "We ask only that the court's orders be enforced so that a tragedy may be averted."

Jamie Spears on Monday was named conservator of his 26-year-old daughter, and he and attorney Andrew Wallet were made co-conservators of Britney's estate.

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New home for Shaq

Phoenix fans welcomed Shaquille O'Neal to town Wednesday after a trade with Miami was finalized. **4B**

Memphis still unbeaten

The top-ranked Tigers destroyed SMU Wednesday to run their home court winning streak to 45. **2B**

Recruiting at home

Dave Wannstedt has added a strong local flavor to this year's recruiting class. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Which running back holds the Pro Bowl record with 19 carries in a game? **2B**

Last night's scores

Buffalo 3, New Jersey 2, SO
Washington 4, Philadelphia 3
Edmonton 4, Chicago 1
Colorado 3, San Jose 1

Brian **HERMAN**

California WPIAL's big surprise

There are 158 teams in this year's WPIAL basketball tournament.

One of the most improbable entries has to be the California girls, who have the unenviable task of opening up against Monessen at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Charleroi.

While Monessen has the distinction of being the WPIAL's lone unbeaten team at 23-0, California is a remarkable 8-13.

What's remarkable about making the playoffs as a fourth place team and being five games under .500?

Read on.

Prior to this season, the Lady Trojans won a total of eight games in the previous five years.

No, it's not a misprint!

Going back to the 2002-03 campaign, California had to rank as possibly the WPIAL's biggest loser with an overall 8-107 record.

Last year California went 1-22 following a 3-21 showing the previous year.

If those weren't bad enough, California lost all 23 games in 2004-05 following 2-21 and 2-20 records the previous two years.

But let's get back to this year's California team because there's a lot more to the surprise success story.

Starting the campaign with a dozen players, California lost four to injuries early in the season and had to cancel its junior varsity games.

With one of the injured players back, the roster was up to nine going into the playoffs.

"Practices have been tough," understated Cal coach Cindy Dunlevy.

Besides being down in numbers, the Lady Trojans have probably the youngest starting five with two freshmen — Dani Zajicek and Lisa Doman — and three sophomores — Christina Wagner, Morgan Moluski and Allie Greenlief.

The top reserves are junior Kelly Lassoy and sophomore Angelia Geho

Even Cal's coach is an interesting sidebar.

After being an assistant to Mark Jeney on Cal's last playoff team in 2001, Dunlevy stepped down and coached the school district's middle school boys one season.

She returned to the girls' program one year with former California University 1,000 point scorer Shujuane Brown.

Dunlevy then left the coaching ranks to spend three years on the California School Board.

Last season Dunlevy returned at the tail end of the campaign as a volunteer assistant.

When the job opened for the third time in the last four years, Dunlevy was hesitant about applying.

"I was looking at short term and just to turn the program around," said Dunlevy, who was picked over one of the few applicants, Chris Minerd. "I asked Chris if he'd be interested in helping me and he said okay. It's been working out really well."

Another assistant is her son, Drew, a former Cal cager.

The fact that the Lady Trojans are averaging 42 points doesn't concern Dunlevy.

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New leader in PSAC West

Vulcans withstand Edinboro rally to claim the top spot.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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CALIFORNIA — With less than 10 minutes remaining, California University's men's basketball team held a 17-point lead over No. 25 Edinboro in the PSAC West showdown for first place.

Five minutes later, the Vulcans were clinging to a shaky four point lead.

California coach Bill Brown wasn't surprised after the Vulcans held on for a 71-64 victory.

"They're a good team and good teams make runs," said Brown. "Our shot selection wavered. We lost patience on offense going one-and-done and didn't get back in transition.

"They hung in and started making their shots. At the end of the year no one will remember that we almost blew a 17-point lead."

California (15-4, 6-0) shot 63 percent from the floor against the conference's top defensive team in the opening 21:30 before cooling off to 42 percent.

"We played well for 25 minutes and spotty the other 15," said Brown.

Successive baskets by Julian Logan and a James Hairston basket gave Cal a 57-40 cushion before Edinboro battled back with an 11-0 run highlighted by successive 3-pointers from Larry Bryant, Devon Knight and Joseph Jones in a span of 95 seconds.

Edinboro (15-5, 6-1) appeared to have the momentum when a dunk by 6-9 Ryan McLemore cut the Vulcans' lead to 60-57 with 2:25 to go.

Fifteen seconds later, Ali Mbaye — who scored a game-high 18 points for the Vulcans — came through with a layup on an assist from Jesse Brooks.

With 1:15 remaining, Theron Colao hit both ends of a one-and-one to up the lead to seven and the Scots never got closer than five in the final minute.

"I thought we had a letdown with the big lead and then they hit those threes," said Mbaye, who pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds.

The Vulcans got a scare in the final minute of the first half when Hairston hit the floor after a collision with a teammate and suffered a concussion.

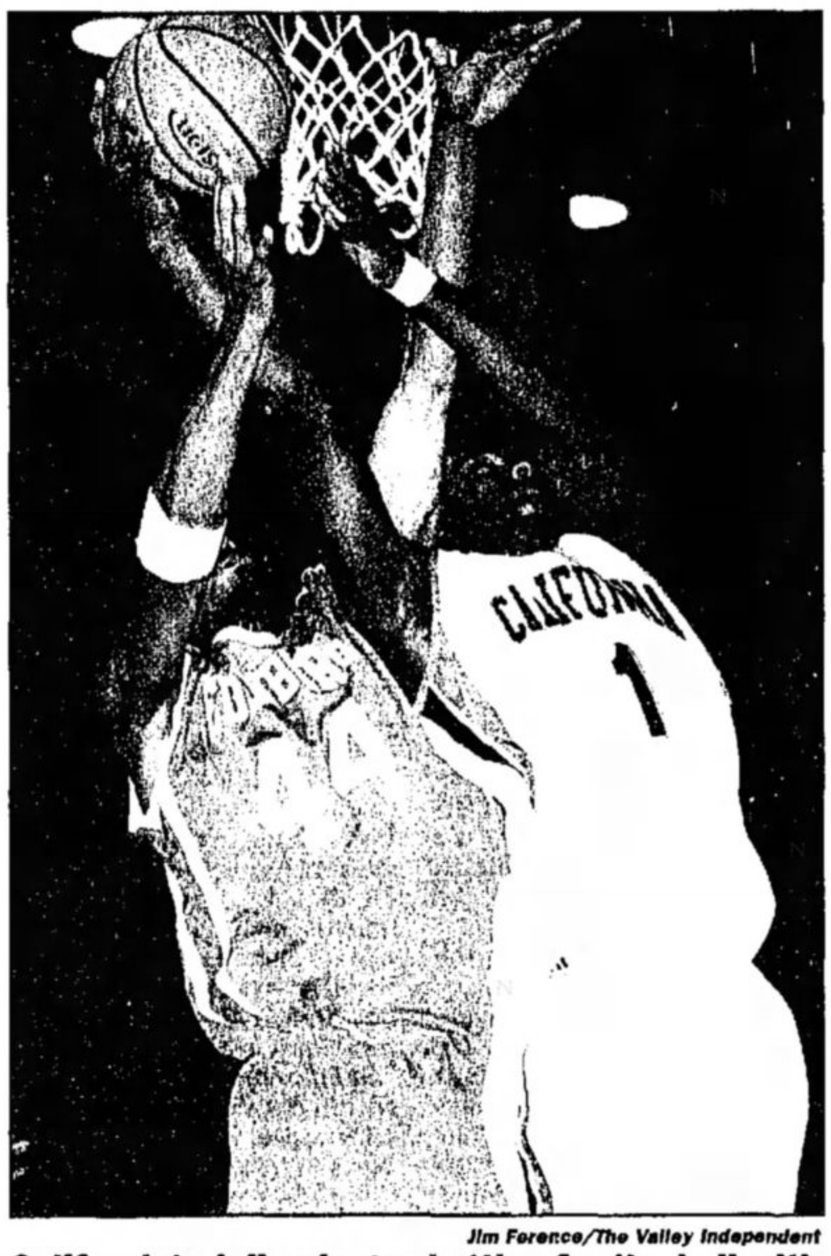
Hairston, however, returned to play 11 minutes in the second half.

"Losing Hairston threw our offensive rhythm off and he's also one of our best defensive players," said Brown.

Despite finishing the first half of the league season unbeaten, Brown remains cautious.

"We still have work to do and know we have to go to Edinboro," he said.

CAL CLIPS: Edinboro was second to Mt. Olive in the East Region and Cal seventh ... Logan scored 12 points with Ron Banks adding 11 and Hairston 10 ... Knight was high for the Scots with 16 points followed by Jones 913), McLemore (12) and Gerald Warrick (10) ... McLemore, the country's No. 2 shot blocker with 99, had two against the Vulcans, one less than Cal reserve Kenny Johnson, with Hairston adding a pair ... Cal ended up shooting 53 percent compared to Edinboro's 34 percent including 27 percent in the first half ... Edinboro outrebounded Cal, 41-35, with Gerald Warrick (10) and the 6-9 McLemore (9) combining for 19 ... Cal resumes Saturday at Clarion at 7:30 p.m.



Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

California's Julian Logan battles for the ball with Edinboro's Ryan McLemore in the Vulcans' 71-64 win.

Kayla Smith

Cal U women shocked

Loss to fifth-place Edinboro is second straight defeat at Hamer Hall.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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CALIFORNIA — The California University women's basketball team made some history Wednesday at Hamer Hall.

Unfortunately, it wasn't the kind California coach Darcie Vincent was expecting.

Her Vulcans were stunned at home by the PSAC West's fifth place team Edinboro, 70-65.

It was the second straight home defeat for California, whose home record in the last 61/2 seasons was 100-3 prior to Saturday's overtime defeat to Indiana.

The back-to-back home defeats are believed to be the first in Vincent's eight years at Cal, where her overall record at Hamer Hall is 112-8.

While Vincent was unavailable after the contest, Edinboro coach Stan Swank was smiling after his first victory at California since 2000 to snap a 10-game skid.

"We're a young team and this had to be the best game we played," said Swank. "We struggled at the end and I didn't feel safe with any lead until the buzzer sounded."

He was referring to California rallying from a 57-40 deficit with 9:12 remaining to close to within 67-63 with 25 seconds left.

Sophomore Samantha Reimer came up big for Edinboro (12-8, 2-4) with 22 points including seven of 10 from the floor with three of five treys. Reimer has scored 20 or more points in eight of Edinboro's last 11 games.

California (17-4, 4-2), which dropped into a three-way tie for second with Shippensburg and Clarion with the defeat, wasted a strong performance by freshman Kayla Smith.

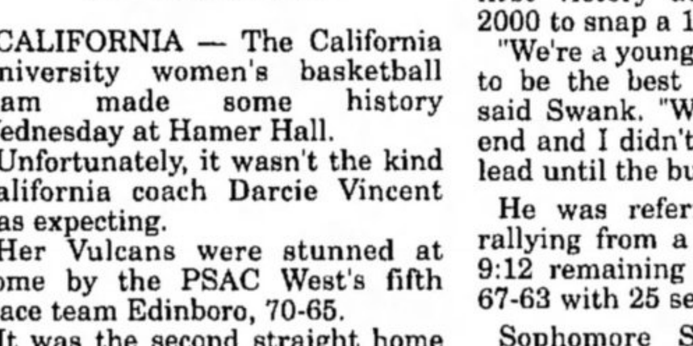
Smith scored a game-high 27 points before fouling out in the final 22 seconds. She made nine of 11 from the floor and nine of 11 at the foul line.

Shaquetta Mance followed with 17 points.

CAL CLIPS: The Vulcans went into the contest second in the East Region behind Indiana ... Smith had eight of Cal's 28 turnovers ... The Vulcans outrebounded the Scots, 34-22 ... Kelsey Conklin and Janine McDonald backed Reimer with 12 and 10 points, respectively ... Cal resumes Saturday at Clarion in a 5:30 p.m. contest.

Pryor's decision still isn't final

Penn State, Oregon and Michigan are back in the running for the quarterback.



Thomasina Pryor, left, watches as her son, Terrelle Pryor answers questions during a news conference in Jeannette, Pa., Wednesday.

Associated Press

JEANNETTE, Pa. (AP) — Terrelle Pryor's decision — or, actually, non-decision — gives Penn State coach Joe Paterno and Oregon coach Mike Bellotti a second chance. Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez gets a reprieve, if only a temporary one.

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, who expected a firm Pryor commitment on Wednesday? He is getting a lot more nervous.

Pryor, the Pittsburgh-area quarterback who is considered the nation's top unsigned high school football recruit, backed off his apparent choice of Ohio State on signing day and said he needs more time to make up his mind.

Pryor's self-imposed delay means Oregon and home state Penn State are back in the race after the multi-sport star apparently had narrowed his choices to Ohio State and Michigan. On Tuesday night, Pryor felt comfortable with Ohio State, only to change his mind after waking up Wednesday.

"I had my mind set last night that I was going to go ... but Penn State is hitting me hard and I don't think I gave them a fair chance and I want to take a visit there," Pryor said. "Just check out their campus. Just give him (coach Joe Paterno) a chance, he's a great guy. I just think I should go there (to visit)."

The groans from Columbus could almost be heard a state away in Jeannette, where Pryor's image appears on a billboard at the edge of the town of 10,000 and his every move is watched with great interest.

"He hasn't had time to make an informed, intelligent decision," Jeannette coach Ray Reitz said. "Right now, waiting is the best decision for him in the long run."

Pryor's other career is complicating matters. He is one of the Pennsylvania's best high school basketball players, and Jeannette is about to begin tournament play. With most tournament games on the weekends, it could be difficult for Pryor to quickly schedule his Penn State and Oregon visits.

"We played 16 football games, won the state championship (in mid-December) and two days later we jumped into basketball," Pryor said. "I haven't had that much time to get involved in the recruiting process. I'd like to take more time and be fair to all the coaches that recruited me, who spent a lot of time recruiting me."

Another issue: Pryor's father, Craig, has received numerous visits from Penn State coaches and apparently wants his son to play there.

"Me and my dad had a battle of differences," said Pryor, the only Pennsylvania player to rush for more than 4,000 yards and pass for 4,000 in his career. "They've been hitting my father hard. They been to my dad's house so many times. My dad's in love with them. (Penn State assistant) Tom

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SPORTS

Wannstedt rounds up state players

Fourteen Panther recruits are from Pennsylvania.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — When he returned to alma mater Pittsburgh three years ago, coach Dave Wannstedt checked over the Panthers' roster and couldn't believe what he saw.

Or, actually, what he didn't see: A lot of Pennsylvania players.

Wannstedt promised to change that, and he has. His increased emphasis on recruiting within Pennsylvania's borders shows up in Pitt's latest recruiting class, which was rated No. 25 nationally by Scout.com and No. 29 by Rivals.com.

Fourteen of the 19 recruits are homegrown, compared to only one from Florida. By comparison, only 11 of former coach Walt Harris' final 46 Pitt recruits in 2003 and 2004 were from Pennsylvania, while 12 were from Florida.

Pitt's class might have been rated higher if Altoona star A.J. Alexander hadn't changed his mind — he gave Pitt a verbal commitment last month — and instead chose Florida State. He is one of the nation's top return specialists.

"We had quality players that we had recruited for a year and they were anxious to become Pitt Panthers and we were unable to take them — we didn't have the numbers (available scholarships)," Wannstedt said Wednesday. "This is the third year in a row we've had a Top 20 or 25 recruiting class."

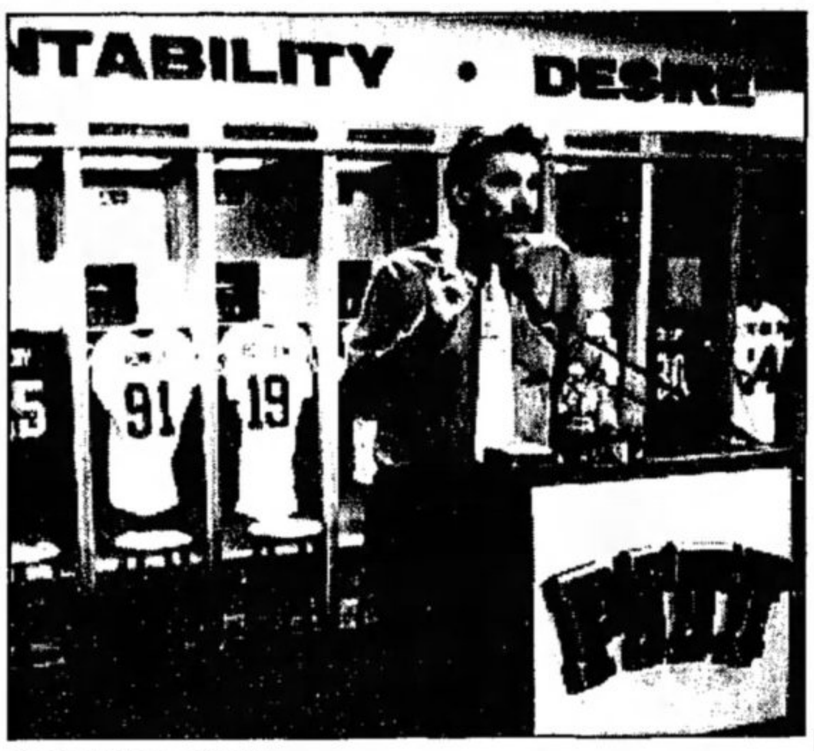
The Panthers missed out on Jeannette High quarterback Terrelle Pryor, who never had them in his final four, but they recruited a majority of the state's top 25 players. Pitt landed 13 AP Pennsylvania all-starters, all but one of them first-team choices.

Among the key recruits, all of whom previously announced their decisions, are three U.S. Army All-American Bowl players in Aliquippa receiver Jonathan Baldwin, Gateway High linebacker Shayne Hale and Thomas Jefferson offensive lineman Lucas Nix.

Baldwin is considered to be Pennsylvania's best skill position player except for Pryor. Baldwin was rated as the No. 3 receiver nationally by SuperPrep after catching 62 passes for 1,083 yards and 14 touchdowns his final two seasons — with 613 yards and nine touchdowns last season. He was third in the state Class AA 100-meter dash last spring

The Panthers also landed Chris Burns, the Wilmington Area High all-state running back who ran for 2,234 and scored 38 touchdowns, plus Gateway wide receiver Cameron Saddler, who is only 5-foot-7 but is one of the top kick returners in the East.

Saddler committed to Pitt within days of the Panthers' 13-9 upset of then-No. 2 West Virginia, though Wannstedt wouldn't credit the biggest upset in school history for getting him.



Dave Wannstedt

However, one-third of Pitt's freshman class committed within a week of that game.

"Cam Saddler, when he committed and knew he was going to be here, he was bound and determined," Wannstedt said. "He was calling the Jonathan Baldwins and other guys, guys he was going to be competing with. He wants to have the best football team it can possibly be. So, that's the type of attitude you want from players."

Pitt also strayed into eastern Pennsylvania for two-time all-state cornerback Jarred Holley of Easton.

"Getting Jarred Holley was big for us, just to get out there in that part of the state and get the top player in that area in our opinion," Wannstedt said. "The state of Pennsylvania, we've made a concentrated effort there, and we've had some good results."

Another prime recruit is kicker Kevin Harper, who converted 17 of 25 field goal attempts at Mentor (Ohio) High last season, including field goals of 61 and 58 yards.

Wannstedt's third recruiting class includes three offensive linemen, three wide receivers, three linebackers, four defensive backs, a running back, two tight ends, a kicker and two quarterbacks in Greg Cross and Tino Sunseri.

No defensive linemen were recruited after Pitt signed 19 the previous three years.

Wannstedt knew he needed more quarterback depth after freshman Pat Bostick was forced to start most of last season, only a year after he was playing high school football.

Sunseri, the son of former Pitt star linebacker Sal Sunseri, helped lead Pittsburgh Central Catholic to the state title in Pennsylvania's largest class, AAAA. He threw 23 touchdown passes and only four interceptions last season.

Either Sunseri or junior college transfer Cross will have a couple of tall receivers to throw to in the 6-5 Baldwin and 6-5 Mike Shanahan, who made 37 catches for731 yards and 13 touchdowns last season at Norwin High.

Cross, who is already enrolled at Pitt, threw for 17 touchdowns and ran for six last season while throwing for 2,127 yards at Fort Scott Community College in Kansas.

Mora next coach for Seahawks

Assistant will succeed Mike Homgren after the 2008 season.

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — When Lofa Tatupu found out that the Seahawks hired hands-on defensive assistant Jim Mora as their coach for 2009, the Pro Bowl anchor of Seattle's defense was happy.

And shocked.

"I never heard of anyone naming a future head coach," Tatupu said Wednesday in Hawaii, where he is practicing for this weekend's Pro Bowl in Honolulu.

One person with knowledge of the contract said it will put Mora "in the upper echelon" of NFL coaches. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Seahawks do not divulge financial terms.

That means Mora will be getting at least $5 million per season, about double what Atlanta is paying him this year. Mora was fired as Falcons' head coach on New Year's Day 2007 with a year left on his contract. In his three seasons in Atlanta, the Falcons were 26-22 and played in the 2004 NFC title game.

"It's a very, very good contract," the person said.

Current Seattle coach Mike Holmgren is believed to be making $8 million annually. Washington's Joe Gibbs had a five-year, $27.5 million contract until he retired again from the Redskins last month. New England's Bill Belichick was widely reported to have received a contract extension last year that is believed to be worth more than $5 million annually. Mike Shanahan reportedly received a raise from his $5 million-per-year deal with Denver when he got a three-year extension from the Broncos last year.

The Seahawks are not the first NFL team to designate a successor coach. The Indianapolis Colts recently announced Jim Caldwell as the replacement for Tony Dungy, whenever Dungy decides to retire.

However, the Seahawks are believed to be the first team to have their next coach already under contract, with a known start date, while the outgoing coach remains on the job.

"What (Holmgren's) done here, by announcing his retirement a year ahead of time, has afforded this organization to make a smooth transition, to be seamless, to be non-chaotic," Seahawks president Tim Ruskell said. "Which is kind of rare in the sports world — certainly in the NFL.

Jim Mora

"We all know about the elongated processes and the back-stabbing, some of the ugly things that can go on. Well, we're not going to have that."

The 59-year-old Holmgren, the Seahawks' winningest coach with 86 victories in 10 seasons, pushed for the announcement so players who are poised to enter free agency next month would know who Seattle's coach will be.

But Won't it be strange to have, essentially, two head coaches next season?

"Not at all," quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said from the Pro Bowl. "If anything, it motivates us even more to say, 'Hey, let's send this guy out the right way. Let's not take any shortcuts this year. Let's not wait until some season down the line. Let's get it done right now.'"

Neither Holmgren nor Mora was there for the announcement.

Penn State hopes for big prize

Jeannette's Pryor would make recruiting class huge success.

By GENARO C. ARMAS
AP Sports Writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State's latest recruiting class might be most notable for one name missing from the list.

Instead of announcing his college choice Wednesday, Jeannette High School quarterback and uber-prospect Terrelle Pryor said in a nationally televised news conference that he was still trying to decide between Ohio State, Michigan, Penn State and Oregon.

For now, PSU's blue-and-white faithful will have to settle for a small recruiting class of 14 players headlined by linebackers but light at needy spots like quarterback and wide receiver. With the coaching staff talking about moving to a spread-style offense next season, stockpiling such skill position players might be considered more important than usual.

"Overall though, other than that, they did what they had to do," said Mark Brennan, the editor of FightonState.com, which covers Penn State recruiting. "At linebacker, they just keep stocking up."

This is Linebacker U., after all.

Four-star prospects Mike Yancich from Washington, Pa., Mike Zordich from Youngstown, Ohio and Michael Mauti of Mandeville, La., should replenish depth for years to come at a school that has boasted recent All-Americans Dan Connor and Paul Posluszny.

Rivals.com recruiting analyst Mike Farrell called Penn State's latest haul "one of the best linebacking classes in the country."

Brandon Beachum, Zordich's teammate at Cardinal Mooney High School, is bringing his 6-foot-1, 220-pound frame to Happy Valley to play running back, though some analysts considered linebacker to be the four-star prospect's best position. Considered a bruising runner, Beachum will be added to a relatively inexperienced but promising tailback mix led by Evan Royster, who will be a sophomore in the 2008 season.

The Nittany Lions did lose out on Michael Shaw, a speedy back from Ohio who dropped his verbal commitment to Penn State to sign with Big Ten archrival Michigan on Wednesday — the first day that recruits could sign letters-of-intent with the college of their choice.

Penn State didn't have many scholarships available this year. Its class is ranked 40th by Scout.com and 42nd by Rivals, and is generally rated behind Big Ten rivals Ohio State, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Since rankings are based on the quality and quantity of recruits, "small classes never get ranked that high," Farrell said.

Receiver A.J. Price of Reston, Va., might have to add bulk to his 6-foot-4, 175-pound frame, though he has been timed at 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

Getting Price was important for the future given that Penn State's current top three receivers — Derrick Williams, Deon Butler and Jordan Norwood — will all be seniors.

"With the spread offense and using three or four wide, you need depth at wide receiver, and I'm not sure they necessarily got it," Brennan said.

If the Nittany Lions don't land Pryor, they will have gone two seasons without signing a quarterback, which is unusual, Brennan said. That could spell trouble on the depth chart in future seasons.

Of course, that could change if Pryor pulls a last-minute surprise for Penn State — Ohio State and Michigan had been considered the front-runners. A dynamic athlete, Pryor could be groomed in Happy Valley to operate an offense similar to that run successfully by Michael Robinson for Penn State in 2005.

Coach Joe Paterno doesn't visit recruits on the road as much, but did travel to see Pryor last week.

Goodell: Spygate case not closed

HONOLULU (AP) — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell is willing to pursue any believable information in the Spygate case.

Goodell said the league has been in touch with representatives of former New England Patriots assistant coach Matt Walsh, now a golf pro in Maui. Walsh, who did video work for the Patriots when they won their first Super Bowl after the 2001 season, was not interviewed as part of the NFL's investigation into New England illegally taping opposing coaches in the last two years.

"If there is new information that is credible, new material that could be credible that would help us," Goodell said, "yes, we'll look at it.

"We've had people come to us over the last six months with material that we pursued and it didn't lead to anything."

Goodell said he didn't know if there might be more information available.

Sen. Arlen Specter, with whom Goodell said he expects to meet in the next week or so, questioned the thoroughness of the NFL's investigation that led to a $500,000 fine for coach Bill Belichick, a $250,000 fine for the Patriots organization, and the loss of this year's first-round draft pick. Specter also wondered why Goodell had the six tapes turned over by the Patriots destroyed, along with notes the team gave Goodell.

Walsh, who did not return phone messages and an e-mail from The Associated Press, reportedly videotaped the St. Louis Rams' walkthrough the day before the February 2002 Super Bowl against New England.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Dick Hartung had 19 points in California State College's 82-73 loss to St. Vincent.

Mon Valley Catholic topped Fairchance-Georges, 43-36, behind Diane Bury's 17 points.

The Pittsburgh Steelers' Jack Lambert had the highest contract of any NFL defensive player at $1 million for five years.

Debbie Fallenstein scored 18 points in Charleroi's 50-46 win over Yough.

Lori Milika had 20 points in Monessen's 54-47 loss at Uniontown.

Linda Shorter and Karen Daniels both had 12 points in Belle Vernon Area's 56-52 defeat at Brownsville.'

20 Years Ago

Jennifer Nicolaus had 20 points in Mon Valley Catholic's 69-56 loss to Bishop McCort.

10 Years Ago

Shaun Rohland and Jamie Guerra both had 15 points as Belle Vernon Area extended its record winning streak to 22 with a 60-47 victory at Brownsville.

Elizabeth Forward downed Ringgold, 58-41, behind Chris Riley's 19 points.

Paul Figel had 12 points in Monessen's 56-35 win over Carmichaels.

Jaromir Jagr scored his 700th point with the game-tying goal late in the second period in the Pittsburgh Penguins' 2-2 tie with Buffalo.

Jarrod Essey had 15 points in Charleroi's 59-54 loss to Brownsville.

SPORTS DIGEST

Steelers sign QB, big receiver

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jared Zabransky, the quarterback who led Boise State's memorable Fiesta Bowl upset over Oklahoma a year ago, signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers on Wednesday.

The Steelers also added Matt Trannon, a 6-foot-6 receiver who starred at Michigan State but was not drafted last year. He signed with the Arizona Cardinals but did not make the season-opening roster. He later spent time with the Cardinals, Chiefs and Raiders as a practice squad player.

Zabransky also was an undrafted rookie a season ago and spent part of the season on the Houston Texans' practice squad. He had 23 touchdown passes and seven interceptions as a senior at Boise State in 2006 before directing their 43-42 bowl upset of Oklahoma.

In that game, Zabransky completed a long touchdown pass on a hook-and-lateral play in the final minute of the fourth quarter to force the overtime, then handed off to Ian Johnson on a trick play for the winning two-point conversion in overtime.

Evidence backs Clemens' drug use

NEW YORK (AP) — Brian McNamee gave federal prosecutors syringes and other physical evidence his lawyers say back the personal trainer's allegations of drug use by Roger Clemens, who returns to Capitol Hill today in hopes of rebutting the accusations.

Clemens, who gave a deposition Tuesday, is scheduled to hold one-on-one meetings with members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, two people familiar with the plans said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement was made.

Ryan hired as Rangers' president

Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Russell was hired Wednesday as president of the Texas Rangers.

Pitt women down Seton Hall, 64-44

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chelsea Cole scored 17 points to lead No. 15 Pittsburgh to a 64-44 win over Seton Hall on Wednesday night.

Taneisha Harrison added 13 points and five rebounds for Pitt (18-4, 8-1 Big East). Shavonte Zellous and Xenia Stewart finished with 10 points each. Sophronia Sallard had 10 rebounds.

Trivia answer

Buffalo's O.J. Simpson in 1974.

SPORTS

Basketball playoffs

Boys
Class AAAA
Friday
At Penn State Allegheny
8 p.m. - Central Catholic (19-4) vs Latrobe (16-8)
At Fox Chapel
8 p.m. - North Allegheny (22-2) vs Gateway (9-14)
At North Allegheny
8 p.m. - Norwin (18-6) vs Butler (13-8)
At North Hills
8 p.m. - Moon (17-6) vs Plum (10-13)
Saturday
At Plum
1:30 p.m. - McKeesport (17-3) vs Hempfield (10-13)
At North Hills
1:30 p.m. - Seneca Valley (17-7) vs Upper St. Clair (19-5)
At North Allegheny
3 p.m. - Canon-McMillan (17-7) vs Shaler (12-11)
At Gateway
1:30 p.m. - Franklin Regional (18-6) vs Peters Township (16-8)
Class AAA
Friday
At Belle Vernon Area
8 p.m. - Laurel Highlands (12-10) vs South Park (10-13)
At Hempfield
8 p.m. - Mars (12-9) vs Mt. Pleasant (9-13)
At Chartiers Valley
8 p.m. - Ambridge (8-15) vs West Mifflin (10-11)
Saturday
At North Allegheny
Noon - Ringgold (8-16) vs Hampton (13-10)
At Ringgold
1:30 p.m. - Thomas Jefferson (9-13) vs Derry (7-17)
Tuesday or Wednesday
Sites to be determined
Belle Vernon Area (19-5) vs Keystone Oaks (14-10)
Greensburg Salem (18-5) vs Montour (14-10)
Indiana (19-5) vs Steel Valley (16-5)
Chartiers Valley (22-2) vs Valley-Mt. Pleasant winner
Uniontown (18-4) vs Ambridge-West Mifflin winner
Blackhawk (19-5) vs Laurel Highlands-South Park winner
Highlands (19-4) vs Thomas Jefferson-Derry winner
Hopewell (18-5) vs Ringgold-Hampton winner
Class AA
Friday
At South Fayette
8 p.m. - Greensburg Central (16-8) vs Northgate (7-16)
At Aliquippa
8 p.m. - Quaker Valley (15-9) vs Summit Academy (11-11)
At Trinity
8 p.m. - Burgettstown (19-5) vs Canevin (12-12)
Saturday
At Fox Chapel
Noon - Center (15-7) vs West Shamokin (16-6)
3 p.m. - Brentwood (14-8) vs Springdale (16-6)
At Chartiers Valley
1:30 p.m. - Seton LaSalle (12-12) vs Brownsville (11-13)
At Highlands
3 p.m. - Shady Side Academy (17-7) vs Neshannock (11-10)
At New Castle
1:30 p.m. - Mohawk (12-7) vs Ford City (13-11)
Tuesday or Wednesday
Sites to be determined
Monessen (18-5) vs Mohawk-Ford City winner
Beaver Falls (19-3) vs Brentwood-Springdale winner
Washington (18-6) vs Greensburg Central-Northgate winner
North Catholic (21-3) vs Quaker Valley-Summit Academy winner
Riverside (23-1) vs Seton LaSalle-Brownsville winner
Jeannette (16-4) vs Center-West Shamokin winner
South Fayette (19-5) vs Shady Side Academy-Neshannock winner
Aliquippa (16-8) vs Burgettstown-Canevin winner
Class A
Friday
At Charleroi
8 p.m. - California (15-5) vs Elderton (5-19)
At West Allegheny
8 p.m. - Bentworth (15-7) vs Sewickley Academy (11-8)
At Keystone Oaks
8 p.m. - Union (14-6) vs Mapletown (13-10)
Saturday
At Monessen
2:30 p.m. - St. Joseph (13-10) vs Carmichaels (18-4)
At Highlands
Noon - Lincoln Park (14-6) vs Leechburg (7-11)
At Northgate
1:30 p.m. - Wilkinsburg (12-10) vs Cornell (12-9)
At South Park
Noon - Clairton (11-10) vs Monaca (10-13)
3 p.m. - Trinity Christian (31-6) vs Geibel (6-14)
Tuesday or Wednesday
Serra (21-2) vs St. Joseph-Carmichaels winner

Girls
Class AAAA
Friday
At Penn State Allegheny
6:30 p.m. - Latrobe (14-10) vs Oakland Catholic (14-10)
At North Allegheny
6:30 p.m. - New Castle (18-5) vs Bethel Park (12-11)
At Hempfield
6:30 p.m. - Woodland Hills (17-7) vs Uniontown (14-10)
Saturday
At North Hills
Noon - Upper St. Clair (18-5) vs North Allegheny (13-10)
3 p.m - Norwin (23-1) vs Seneca Valley (1-14)
At Plum
Noon - Mt. Lebanon (22-2) vs McKeesport (13-11)
3 p.m. - Butler (22-2) vs Hempfield (18-6)
At Gateway
Noon - Fox Chapel (17-7) vs Peters Township (17-7)
Class AAA
Friday
At Chartiers Valley
6:30 p.m. - Belle Vernon Area (6-18) vs Blacknawk (15-9)
At North Hills
6:30 p.m. - West Allegheny (12-11) vs Moon (8-15)
At Trinity
6:30 p.m. - Southmoreland (17-6) vs McGuffey (9-15)
Saturday
At Ringgold
Noon - Thomas Jefferson (10-13) vs Laurel Highlands (9-14)
3 p.m. - Derry (13-10) vs Keystone Oaks (6-16)At Gateway
3 p.m. - Mars (11-12) vs Franklin Regional (10-14)
At Fox Chapel
1:30 p.m. - Highlands (14-10) vs Steel Valley (11-12)
Tuesday or Wednesday
Sites to be determined
Ringgold (17-7) vs Blackhawk-Belle Vernon Area winner
Hampton (22-2) vs Thomas Jefferson-Laurel Highlands winner
Mt. Pleasant (17-6) vs Ambridge (15-8)
Indiana (21-3) vs Derry-Keystone Oaks winner
Elizabeth Forward (20-4) vs West Allegheny-Moon winner
West Mifflin (21-3) vs Southmoreland-McGuffey winner
Chartiers Valley (18-6) vs Highlands-Steel Valley winner
Class AA
Friday
At Belle Vernon Area
6:30 p.m. - South Park (16-8) vs Bethel Center (14-9)
At South Fayette
6:30 p.m. - Sto-Rox (14-7) vs Northgate (9-10)
Saturday
At Northgate
3 p.m. - Charleroi (13-11) vs Wilkinsburg (11-9)
At North Allegheny
1:30 p.m. - South Fayette (16-8) vs Apollo-Ridge (14-8)
At New Castle
Noon - Ford City (17-6) vs Deer Lakes (9-14)
3 p.m. - Canevin (18-6) vs Mohawk (10-13)
At Chartiers Valley
Noon - Brownsville (15-8) vs Riverview (10-14)
3 p.m. - Seton-LaSalle (13-11) vs Quaker Valley (13-11)
At Highlands
1:30 p.m. - Shady Side Academy (17-7) vs Jeannette (14-10)
Tuesday or Wednesday
Sacred Heart (22-1) vs South Fayette-Apollo-Ridge winner
Riverside (17-7) vs Charleroi-Wilkinsburg winner
Beaver Falls (15-8) vs Ford City-Deer Lakes winner
Washington (22-1) vs Seton-LaSalle-Quaker Valley winner
Beaver (15-6) vs Shady Side Academy-Jeannette winner
Greensburg Central (16-7) vs Brownsville-Riverview winner
Neshannock (16-7) vs South Park-Bethel-Center winner
Class A
Friday
At Charleroi
6:30 p.m. - Monessen (23-0) vs California (8-13)
At Aliquippa
6:30 p.m. - Avonworth (12-9) vs Rochester (16-7)
At Fox Chapel
6:30 p.m. - Mt. Alvernia (13-8) vs Clairton (9-8)
At Keystone Oaks
6:30 p.m. - Quigley (17-7) vs Mapletown (14-6)
At West Allegheny
6:30 p.m. - Vincentian (15-8) vs Avella (12-10)
Saturday
At Monessen
1 p.m. - Serra (15-9) vs Carmichaels (12-11)
At Northgate
Noon - North Catholic (20-4) vs Cornell (7-11)
At South Park
1:30 p.m. - Geibel (17-6) vs Monaca (10-12)

College basketball

MEN
EAST
American U. 62, Holy Cross 46
Bucknell 91, Colgate 85, OT
Connecticut 63, Syracuse 61
Delaware 68, UNC Wilmington 67
Duquesne 102, Saint Joseph's 88
Hartford 69, Maine 67
La Salle 80, George Washington 58
Maryland 70, Boston College 65
Northeastern 67, Old Dominion 60
Notre Dame 95, Seton Hall 69
St. John's 52, Rutgers 45
Vermont 83, Binghamton 78
SOUTH
Coastal Carolina 50, Winthrop 49
Davidson 74, Elon 64
Duke 89, North Carolina 78
East Carolina 64, Rice 45
Florida St. 62, Miami 55
Georgia Tech 89, Wake Forest 83
James Madison 73, Towson 68
Kentucky 66, Auburn 63
Memphis 77, SMU 48
Mississippi St. 73, Alabama 66
Richmond 64, Temple 58
SE Louisiana 80, McNeese St. 61
UCF 77, Marshall 63
Va. Commonwealth 65, Georgia St. 60
Vanderbilt 67, Georgia 59
William & Mary 74, Hofstra 62
MIDWEST
Bradley 83, Missouri St. 71
Dayton 69, Charlotte 64
E. Michigan 63, Ohio 56
Evansville 64, Wichita St. 56
Kansas St. 74, Nebraska 59
Kent St. 64, Ball St. 61, OT
Miami (Ohio) 76, Toledo 47
Minnesota 92, Northwestern 72
W. Michigan 86, Akron 66
Wisconsin 60, Iowa 54
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 80, Texas Tech 74
Houston 92, Tulsa 81
Oklahoma St. 64, Colorado 63
Texas 64, Oklahoma 54
UTEP 66, Tulane 64
FAR WEST
BYU 83, TCU 72
New Mexico St. 88, Idaho 49
San Diego St. 49, Air Force 38
Utah 81, UNLV 73
Wyoming 78, CS Bakersfield 53
WOMEN
EAST
Albany, N.Y. 76, Boston U. 50
Georgetown 61, St. John's 60
Massachusetts 66, La Salle 63
New Hampshire 64, Stony Brook 55
Pittsburgh 64, Seton Hall 44
Rhode Island 57, Fordham 55
Richmond 62, St. Bonaventure 48
Saint Joseph's 65, Saint Louis 44
Temple 66, Charlotte 53
SOUTH
Arkansas St. 70, South Alabama 58
Liberty 63, Radford 50
Longwood 67, High Point 60
Winthrop 75, UNC Asheville 54
MIDWEST
Iowa St. 66, Texas Tech 58
Oklahoma 64, Missouri 57
SOUTHWEST
North Texas 67, W. Kentucky 64

Darris Nichols and West Virginia will face Pitt in a Big East battle at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television
3 p.m. - Golf Channel - Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, golf.
7 p.m. - ESPN - West Virginia at Pitt, college basketball.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Clemson at Virginia, college basketball.
7:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - New York Islanders at Pittsburgh, hockey.
8 p.m. - TNT - Cleveland at Houiston, pro basketball.
9 p.m. - ESPN - Indiana at Illinois, college basketball.
9 p.m. - ESPN2 - Xavier at St. Louis, college basketball.
9 p.m. - Versus - Vanes Martirosyan vs Jorge Munoz; Kendal Holt vs Ben Tackle, boxing.
10:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - UCLA at Washington State, college basketball.
10:30 p.m. - TNT - Chicago at Golden State, pro basketball.
Radio
7 p.m. - WWSW (94.5 FM) WBGG (970) - West Virginia at Pitt, college basketball.
7:30 p.m. - WXDX (105.9 FM) - New York Islanders at Pittsburgh, hockey.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	29	1	0	58
Wooster	14	13	2	30
Jamestown	12	18	0	24
Mon Valley	10	15	3	23
Valley Forge	8	19	2	18

Friday
Mon Valley at Jamestown, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Wooster at Mon Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Valley Forge at Indiana

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	30	18	5	65	172	150
New Jersey	30	20	4	64	140	131
Pittsburgh	29	19	5	63	155	144
N.Y. Rangers	27	23	6	60	139	140
N.Y. Islanders	24	24	6	54	128	156

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	32	18	4	68	185	159
Montreal	29	16	9	67	173	150
Boston	27	21	5	59	139	142
Buffalo	25	21	7	57	158	150
Toronto	21	25	9	51	150	180

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	26	24	5	57	160	172
Atlanta	26	26	4	56	154	183
Carolina	26	26	4	56	165	178
Florida	25	25	5	55	145	153
Tampa Bay	22	27	5	49	158	182

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	41	10	4	86	185	115
Nashville	28	21	5	61	155	145
Columbus	25	23	7	57	136	142
St. Louis	24	21	7	55	135	149
Chicago	23	25	5	51	145	156

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	30	19	4	64	149	143
Colorado	29	21	5	63	156	152
Calgary	27	19	8	62	156	157
Vancouver	26	21	7	59	142	136
Edmonton	25	26	5	55	150	166

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	32	20	5	69	167	145
San Jose	29	17	7	65	140	129
Anaheim	28	22	7	63	139	146
Phoenix	28	22	4	60	150	149
Los Angeles	22	30	3	47	155	181

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.
Wednesday's Games
Buffalo 3, New Jersey 2, SO
Washington 4, Philadelphia 3
Edmonton 4, Chicago 1
Colorado 3, San Jose 1
Today's Games
Vancouver at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Youth swimming

The Belle Vernon Swim Club resumes Feb .16 at the Derry Area Aqua Club following a 375-285 loss to the Mt. Pleasa nt Aqua Club.The Belle Vernon winners follow:
Boys
Eight and under - Greg Fedor, 25 free, 25 back and 25 breast.
Nine and 10 - David Mosco, 50 free, 50 butterfly.
13-14 - Jeff Mitchell, 200 freestyle.
Girls
Eight and under - Miranda Susick, 25 free, 100 individuak medley; Sarah Wyant, 25 back and 25 breast.
Nine and 10 - Brooke Martin, 50 free, 50 back and 50 breast.
11-12 - Anna Meyers, 50 back; Sarah Pesi, 50 breast.
13-14 - Emily Pollack, 50 free and 100 fly.

Pitt recruits

Jonathan Baldwin, wr, 6-5, 220, Aliquippa (Pa.) HS.
Chris Burns, rb, 5-11, 190, Wilmington Area (Pa.) HS.
Greg Cross, qb, 6-2, 215, Brunswick (Ga.) Academy, Fort Scott Community College.
Mike Cruz, te, 6-5, 270, Bishop McCort HS, Johnstown, Pa.
Shayne Hale, lb, 6-4, 240, Gateway HS, Monroeville, Pa.
Kevin Harper, pk, 5-10, 170, Mentor (Ohio) HS.
Ronald Hobby, db, 5-10, 175, Gwynn Park HS, Fort Washington, Md.
Jarred Holley, db, 5-10, 170, Easton (Pa.) HS.
Robb Houser, ol, 6-2, 285, Durham HS, Chico, Calif., and Butte College.
Lucas Nix, ol, 6-6, 300, Thomas Jefferson HS, Jefferson Hills, Pa.
Antwuan Reed, db, 5-10, 180, Johnstown (Pa.) HS.
Cameron Saddler, wr, 5-7, 170, Gateway HS, Monroeville, Pa.
Mike Shanahan, wr, 6-5, 220, Norwin HS, North Huntingdon, Pa.
Tino Sunseri, qb, 6-0, 200, Pittsburgh Central Catholic HS, Pittsburgh.
Andrew Taglianetti, db, 5-11, 175, Pittsburgh Central Catholic HS, Bridgeville, Pa.
Joe Trebitz, lb, 6-3, 200, West Boca Raton (Fla.) HS.
Ryan Turnley, I, 6-6, 300, Hopewell HS, Aliquippa, Pa.
Justin Virbitsky, te, 6-4, 240, Lakeland HS, Jermyn, Pa.
Manny Williams, lb, 6-1, 205, Clairton (Pa.) HS.

Penn State recruits

Brandon Beachum, rb, 6-1, 220, Cardinal Mooney HS, Youngstown, Ohio
Jack Crawford, de, 6-6, 240, St. Augustine Prep, Richland, N.J.
Mike Farrell, ol, 6-5, 265, Shady Side Academy, Pittsburgh
D'Anton Lynn, db, 6-1, 180, Celina (Texas) HS
Pete Massaro, de, 6-4, 235, Marple Newtown HS, Newtown Square, Pa.
Michael Mauti, lb, 6-1, 215, Mandeville (La.) HS
DeOn'tae Pannell, ot, 6-5, 305, Groves HS, Birmingham, Mich.
A.J. Price, wr, 6-4, 175, South Lakes HS, Reston, Va.
Matt Stanklewitch, ol, 6-4, 290, Blue Mountain HS, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
James Terry, dt, 6-3, 300, Brandywine HS, Wilmington, Del.
Brandon Ware, dt, 6-4, 320, Harrisburg (Pa.) HS
Mark Wedderburn, te 6-6, 235, Cardinal O'Hara HS, Springfield, Pa.
Mike Yancich, lb, 6-3, 225, Trinity HS, Washington, Pa.
Michael Zordich, lb, 6-1, 225, Cardinal Mooney HS, Youngstown, Ohio

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	37	9	.804	—
Toronto	26	21	.553	11 1/2
New Jersey	20	29	.408	18 1/2
Philadelphia	19	30	.388	19 1/2
New York	14	35	.286	24 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	32	19	.627	—
Washington	24	24	.500	6 1/2
Atlanta	21	24	.467	8
Charlotte	18	31	.367	13
Miami	9	38	.191	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	35	13	.729	—
Cleveland	27	20	.574	7 1/2
Indiana	20	30	.400	16
Chicago	19	29	.396	16
Milwaukee	19	31	.380	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	33	15	.688	—
New Orleans	33	15	.688	—
San Antonio	31	16	.660	1 1/2
Houston	28	20	.583	5
Memphis	13	35	.271	20

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	32	18	.640	—
Denver	29	19	.604	2
Portland	28	20	.583	3
Seattle	13	36	.265	18 1/2
Minnesota	10	37	.213	20 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	34	15	.694	—
L.A. Lakers	31	17	.646	2 1/2
Golden State	29	19	.604	4 1/2
Sacramento	22	25	.468	11
L.A. Clippers	15	31	.326	17 1/2

Wednesday's Games
Orlando 100, New Jersey 84
Atlanta 98, L.A. Lakers 95
San Antonio 85, Washington 77
Detroit 100, Miami 95
Indiana 103, New York 100
Boston 111, L.A. Clippers 100
Dallas 107, Milwaukee 96
Utah 118, Denver 115, OT
New Orleans 132, Phoenix 130, 2OT
Portland 100, Chicago 97
Seattle 105, Sacramento 92
Today's Games
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Portland at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Albert Gallatin 48, Ringgold 24
103 - Haines, AG; pinned Fafalios, :30.
112 - J. Lowry, AG; dec. D. Mathies, 2-0.
119 - Thomas, AG; dec. Arbes, 7-6 (OT).
125 - Duda, R; won by forfeit.
130 - Milligan, AG; pinned Watson, 1:17.
135 - Lowry, AG; pinned Vibostak, 3:44.
140 -Tokar, R; pinned Palmer, 1:06.
145 - A. Mathies, R; pinned Weimer, 3:45.
152 - Dulaney, AG; pinned Rands, :52.
160 - Brown, R; won by forfeit.
171 - Phillips, AG; pinned Mammarelli, :18.
189 - Bryson, AG; dec. Miller, 8-3.
215 - Karpency, AG; pinned Sloan, 5:00.
285 - Thomas, AG; dec. Johnston, 1-0.

PSAC standings

Men
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	6	0	15	4
Edinboro	5	1	15	5
Indiana	4	2	12	9
Clarion	3	3	11	9
Slippery Rock	2	4	4	16
Lock Haven	1	5	1	19
Shippensburg	0	6	6	15

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	5	1	13	6
Kutztown	5	1	13	7
Millersville	4	2	15	6
Mansfield	3	3	15	6
East Stroudsburg	2	4	13	7
West Chester	2	4	12	10
Bloomsburg	0	6	8	12

Wednesday
California 71, Edinboro 64
Clarion 76, Slippery Rock 63
Indina 70, Lock Haven 57
Mansfield 64, Bloomsburg 56
Kutztown 78, East Stroudsburg 56
Millersville 75, West Chester 62
Saturday
California at Clarion (7:30 p.m.)
Shippensburg at Edinboro
Lock Haven at Slippery Rock
Cheyney at Bloomsburg
West Chestr at Kutztown
Millersville at Mansfield
Penn State Schuykill at East Stroudsburg

Women
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	5	1	20	2
California	4	2	17	4
Shippensburg	4	2	16	5
Clarion	4	2	14	6
Edinboro	2	4	12	8
Slippery Rock	1	5	7	14
Lock Haven	1	5	6	14

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	6	0	17	4
West Chester	4	2	12	8
Cheyney	3	3	6	13
East Stroudsburg	3	3	9	11
Kutztown	2	4	9	12
Bloomsburg	2	4	7	14
Mansfield	1	5	6	15

Wednesday
Edinboro 70, California 65
Clarion 65, Slippery Rock 48
Indiana 71, Lock Haven 54
Bloomsburg 72, Mansfield 58
East Stroudsburg 67, Kutztown 59
Millersville 73, West Chester 63
Saturday
California at Clarion (5:30 p.m.)
Shippensburg at Edinboro
Lock Haven at Slippery Rock
Cheyney at Bloomsburg
West Chester at Kutztown
Millersville at Mansfield

Cal U lineups

Men
California - 71
Logan, 6-0-12; Brooks, 0-2-2; Hairston, 5-0-10; Banks, 4-2-11; Mbaye, 8-2-18; Sawyer, 0-0-0; Johnson, 0-2-2; Colao, 5-4-16; Parker, 0-0-0. Totals; FG - 28 (52), F - 12 (15), T - 71.
Edinboro - 64
Knight, 6-1-16; Jones, 4-2-13; Cummings, 3-0-7; Warrick, 5-0-10; McLemore, 5-2-12; Bryant, 1-0-3; Brown, 0-0-0; Stauffer, 0-0-0; Kovalevsky, 1-0-2; Bess, 0-1-1. Totals: FG - 25 (72), F - 6 (11), T - 71.
Halftime score: 34-27, California.
Three-popinters: California (3-8) Colao 2, Banks. Edinboro (8-27) Knight 3, Jones 3, Cummings, Bryant.

Women
Edinboro - 70
Sherred, 4-0-9; Heller, 4-1-9; Conklin, 5-1-12; McDonald, 3-4-10; Reimer, 7-5-22; Trotter, 0-0-0; Johnson, 3-2-8. Totals: FG - 26 (52), F - 13 (17), T - 70.
California - 65
Johnson, 1-1-3; Andrerws, 2-0-5; Dubyak, 3-0-7; Mance, 7-3-17; Smith, 9-9-27; Williams, 0-3-3; Benick, 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 23 (48), F - 17 (23), T - 65.
Halftime score: 30-27, Edinboro.
Three-pointers: California (2-8) Andrews, Dubyak. Edinboro (5-13) Reimer 3, Sherred, Conklin.

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with OF Bobby Kielty on a minor league contract. Named Chuck Smith pitching coach to Lancaster (Cal) and Tom Goodwin coach for Lowell (NYP).
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Brendan Donnelly on a minor league contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Named Tino Martinez special instructor.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with LHP Trever Miller on a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Named Nolan Ryan president.
National League
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Named Jerome Cochran, Trevor Haley and Chris Kline area scouts.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with RHP Vinnie Chulk on a one-year contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT—Waived G/F Luke Jackson.
PHOENIX SUNS—Acquired C Shaquille O'Neal from Miami for F Shawn Marion and G Marcus Banks.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Named Alvin Reynolds defensive backs coach.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Named Gregg Williams defensive coordinator and assistant head coach.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named James Lofton receivers coach.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed QB Jared Zabransky.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Announced assistant head coach/defensive backs coach Jim Mora will become coach, beginning with the 2009 season and signed Mora to a four-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Assigned LW Colin Stuart to Chicago (AHL).
CALGARY FLAMES—Signed D Dion Phaneuf to a six-year contract extension.

Latest Line

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb 10		
Pro Bowl		
Aloha Stadium-Honolulu, HI.		
AFC	3 (63)	NFC

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
a-PHILA	No Line	Miami
HOUSTON	5 1/2	Cleveland
GOLDEN STATE	9 1/2	Chicago

a-Miami has possible trade implications.

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
George Mason	11	DREXEL
PITTSBURGH	3	West Virginia
Clemson	1	VIRGINIA
CLEVELAND ST	4 1/2	Wright State
YOUNGS. ST	5	Detroit
MASS	3 1/2	Rhode Island
W. Kentucky	4	NORTH TEXAS
MID. TENN ST	4	Ark Little Rock
WISC GR. BAY	2	Valparaiso
Boise State	12	LA TECH
S. ALABAMA	16 1/2	Arkansas St
Xavier	9	ST. LOUIS
Indiana	2	ILLINOIS
DENVER	3 1/2	Troy
CAL SB	3 1/2	CS Fullerton
FRESNO ST	2	Utah State
Southern Cal	1	WASHINGTON
UC DAVIS	5	Long Beach St
Cal Irvine	1	CAL POLY SLO
NEVADA	15	San Jose State
STANFORD	9 1/2	Oregon
PACIFIC	5	CS Northridge
Ucla	2	WASH. STATE
CALIFORNIA	16 1/2	Oregon State
NC GREENS.	9	Wofford
APP. ST	8 1/2	Charleston
TENN CHATT.	19	Furman
LOYOLA MD	13 1/2	St. Peter's
MOREHEAD ST	6 1/2	SE Missouri St
GA SOUTHERN	13	W. Carolina
Austin Peay	5	E. ILLINOIS
N. ARIZONA	5 1/2	Portland State
TENN. TECH	14	Jacksonville St
TENN. MARTIN	2 1/2	Tennessee St
IDAHO STATE	3	N. Colorado
E. KENTUCKY	2	Murray State
E. Washington	2 1/2	SAC. ST

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
NY RANGERS	Even-1/2	Anaheim
ATLANTA	Even-1/2	Vancouver
MONTREAL	1/2-1	Toronto
PITTSBURGH	1/2-1	NY Islanders
OTTAWA	1-1 1/2	Florida
DETROIT	1 1/2-2	Los Angeles
NASHVILLE	1/2-1	Tampa Bay
MINNESOTA	Even-1/2	Dallas
CALGARY	1-1 1/2	Chicago
PHOENIX	Even-1/2	Columbus

Pryor

(FROM PAGE ONE)

Bradley probably knows the town more than he does."

Pryor's decision to wait is uncommon, as most top players have long since committed by signing day, but he doesn't have to sign with any school until April 1. Steelers quarterback Charlie Batch, a family friend who was asked by Pryor to give him advice, doesn't think he will need that long.

"This is the decision he has to live with the next four years," Batch said. "I told him, 'Don't make the decision under pressure.' "

Pryor has the speed, size and the athletic ability to be a Vince Young-type quarterback in college, and he is rated as the nation's No. 1 player by Scouts.com and Rivals.com. He was the MVP last month in the U.S. Army All-American game in San Antonio. But there are questions about his arm strength and the quality of his opponents in the second smallest of Pennsylvania's four classes.

The other notable quarterbacks to emerge from the Pittsburgh area over the years — Dan Marino, Johnny Unitas, Joe Montana among them — all played against stronger competition at the time.

Herman

(FROM PAGE ONE)

"I'm thrilled to see us put points on the board," she said. "I can remember when we had trouble scoring at all."

It was only two years ago when the Lady Trojans averaged in the 20s.

The last time California played Monessen in non-section games in 2005, the Lady Trojans lost by 68-10 nd 74-10 scores.

"Our kids exceeded our expectations and I'm so proud of them," she added. "Our goal was just to win more games than in previous years."

Meanwhile, Dunlevy is already looking ahead to the upcoming seasons.

"One of our player's mother (Kellie Zajicek) came up with a shirt with the motto "Come Watch Us Grow," she smiled. "With all our young players, I think I'll stick around."

Shaq welcomed to Phoenix

Fans give new Suns' center a rousing reception after trade is finalized.

PHOENIX (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal smiled broadly, then stood from his seat in a suite high above the court at US Airways Center. He pointed to his ring finger and gave a thumbs up.

The crowd went crazy. The message he was sending on the big screen at the Phoenix-New Orleans game Wednesday night was clear: He intends to bring to Phoenix the championship that has eluded the Suns franchise through its 40-year history.

The trade that brought O'Neal to Phoenix on Wednesday is one of the most unexpected in NBA history, a blockbuster deal that sent Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks to Miami and came together in just a few days under first-year Phoenix general manager Steve Kerr.

The criticism has been widespread from fans to talk radio hosts to newspaper columnists. All claimed that Phoenix had acquired a once-great big man far past his prime, a 7-foot-1, 325-pound Goliath who would stifle the Suns' trademark ultra-up tempo game.

And the Suns were taking on a contract that pays O'Neal $20 million each of the next two seasons.

Yet coach Mike D'Antoni and the Suns players said they were elated, that they believe O'Neal will be reinvigorated by the move and become a crucial component of their title run.

"We feel like our players are giddy with the possibilities," D'Antoni said, "and he's ready and focused. It's up to the coaching staff to do the tweaks without changing everything, and I don't think we have to."

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>
> Suns general manager Steve Kerr

Steve Nash admitted he was "shocked" by the trade,

"If you look at what happened the last 24 hours it was incredible," he said. "You go through a whole bunch of emotions. It was very unexpected, but at the same time to get a chance to play with Shaquille O'Neal is pretty exciting."

O'Neal has been out for two weeks with a hip injury and underwent an MRI exam in Miami on Tuesday. He flew to Phoenix on Wednesday for the physical, and the Suns believe whatever ails the big guy can be cured by their doctors and training staff.

"It's a matter of flexibility in the joints and different things," Kerr said. "They're very progressive with their rehabilitation and they felt very strongly that he's going to be more mobile and explosive than what he has been."

Kerr said he, D'Antoni and owner Robert Sarver spoke with O'Neal.

"He wants to be here. He's dying to be here," Kerr said. "Shaquille is a winner, he's a champion and he was not happy playing in Miami for a team that's rebuilding. It was not a good situation."

The Suns' Amare Stoudemire is a friend of O'Neal and talked to him about his new team.

"He says he's ready to roll," Stoudemire said. "Whatever he needs to do he's going to be down for it, and he wants to win a championship, so we're on the same page."

O'Neal will turn 36 next month.

"There's doubts and a risk to everything," Nash said. "I know that's going to be a favorite talking point for all the media, but for us the talking point is we've got an incredible, huge, talented, charismatic player in our locker room now. ... This sounds like it's going to be a lot of fun."

O'Neal's ability to lift spirits is another plus for a Suns team that seemed joyless despite its success.

"I think the Big Aristotle is going to be fun for us," Nash said. "He has a great personality and he is one of the most exciting, charismatic players we have had in this league in a long time. Hopefully he is as excited to be here as he sounds and as we are and gives everybody a big lift."

O'Neal has averaged 25.6 points and 11.5 rebounds in 16 seasons in the NBA.

This season, plagued by injuries and going through a divorce, he's averaging 14.2 points. His 14-year streak as an All-Star choice came to an end this year.

He missed much of the 2006-07 season with a knee injury and finished that season with career lows in games (40), scoring (17.3 points), rebounds (7.4), minutes (28.4) and free-throw percentage (.422).

"It was a very, very hard decision for me. When Shaq came to the team four years ago, I always felt it was forever. We won a championship with him. We wish him nothing but the best," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "We have to move on with our team. We're rebuilding. This is not the most desirable place to be right now."

He denied that there was any lingering rift with O'Neal.

"I loved Shaq when I got him and I love him today," Riley said. "I've been coaching 25 years and there wasn't anything that went on between Shaq and I that caused this. We simply looked at the big picture, where we are today, and we need to build around Dwyane (Wade)."

Associated Press

Newly acquired center Shaquille O'Neal acknowledges fans after being introduced at the Suns-Hornets game Wednesday.

Memphis, Duke keep winning

Tigers blast SMU; Blue Devils snap losing streak to Tar Heels.

By The Associated Press

Top-ranked Memphis keeps working on an impressive season, and Gerald Henderson and Duke have big plans after snapping a skid against their biggest rival, too.

Greg Paulus scored 18 points and was one of six players in double figures in the second-ranked Blue Devils' 89-78 win over No. 3 North Carolina on Wednesday night, ending a three-game losing streak in the heated rivalry.

"We're looking to take over this league," said Henderson, who finished with 12 points. "We hope that we can continue to play like this and win like this. ... We just want to continue to add in the left side of the column."

Jon Scheyer added 17 points for Duke (20-1, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), which repeatedly knocked down 3-point shots to control the game almost the entire way.

Memphis extended the nation's longest home-court winning streak to 45 games with a 77-48 victory over SMU. Reserve guard Andre Allen scored a career-high 19 points, and Joey Dorsey had 10 points and 14 rebounds.

The Tigers played without Robert Dozier, who served a suspension related to an off-the-court incident.

Dorsey was held out of the starting lineup because of his inconsistent play in last weekend's win over UTEP and Chris Douglas-Roberts was limited to 13 minutes because of the flu.

"Someone else has to step up," Allen said. "We've got five people on our bench who could start for anyone in the country. I just saw tonight's (situation) as us being a player down."

Bamba Fall and Jon Killen scored 12 points apiece for SMU (7-13, 1-6), which has lost eight of its last nine games.

At Chapel Hill, N.C., Tyler Hansbrough had 28 points and 18 rebounds for the Tar Heels (21-2, 6-2), who played without injured point guard Ty Lawson and seemed like they had to fight the entire way just to stay within reach.

"They got any shot they wanted," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "I don't know very many times tonight that our defense dictated what shot they got. They had better spacing, more patience."

No. 8 Wisconsin 60, Iowa 54

At Iowa City, Iowa, Marcus Landry scored 16 points, Brian Butch added 12 and Wisconsin earned its 13th victory in 14 games.

Joe Krabbenhoft had eight points and eight rebounds to help the Badgers (19-3, 9-1 Big Ten) pull into a tie for first place in the Big Ten with surprising Purdue.

Tony Freeman led Iowa (11-13, 4-7) with 18 points.

No. 12 Texas 64, Oklahoma 54

At Norman, Okla., A.J. Abrams scored 22 points and backcourt partner D.J. Augustin added 19 points and seven assists for Texas.

Augustin and Abrams pushed Texas (18-4, 5-2 Big 12) to its first lead by scoring all of the Longhorns' points during a 10-0 surge midway through the second half. Abrams' jumper from the left wing put the Longhorns ahead 46-44 with 9:41 remaining, and he followed that with a 3-pointer from the left corner. Augustin added a 3 of his own to make it 52-44.

Blake Griffin had 19 points and nine rebounds for Oklahoma (15-7, 3-4), which lost to its Red River rival for the fourth straight time. The Sooners played without injured 6-foot-11 forward Longar Longar.

No. 19 Connecticut 63, Syracuse 61

At Syracuse, N.Y., Jeff Adrien had 19 points and 12 rebounds, A.J. Price added 14 points and Connecticut won its sixth straight game.

Connecticut (17-5, 7-3 Big East) survived when Jonny Flynn's desperation 3 from the top of the key fell short at the buzzer.

Hasheem Thabeet blocked seven shots for the Huskies, and Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun moved one ahead of Syracuse's Jim Boeheim with 767 victories, 10th on the career list.

Paul Harris had 24 points, 11 rebounds, four steals, and four assists for Syracuse (16-8, 6-5), which had won three straight.

No. 20 Kansas St. 74, Nebraska 59

At Manhattan, Kan., Michael Beasley had 35 points and 13 rebounds to tie a Kansas State single-season record with his 18th double-double.

The Wildcats (16-5, 6-1 Big 12) played with a heavy heart and without one of their floor leaders.

Senior guard Clent Stewart went home to Tulsa, Okla., shortly after Kansas State's loss to Missouri on Saturday to be with his ailing mother, Vanessa, who died Tuesday after a long battle with bone cancer.

Aleks Maric had 16 points and 15 rebounds for Nebraska (13-7, 2-5).

No. 22 Notre Dame 95, Seton Hall 69

At Newark, N.J., Luke Harangody had 22 points and 13 rebounds, and Kyle McAlarney scored 19 for Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish (17-4, 7-2 Big East) shot 54 percent and outrebounded the Pirates 49-31.

Jeremy Hazell scored 26 points, Brian Laing had 18 and Jamar Nutter 11 for the Pirates (15-8, 5-5), who have lost eight of their last nine games against the Irish.

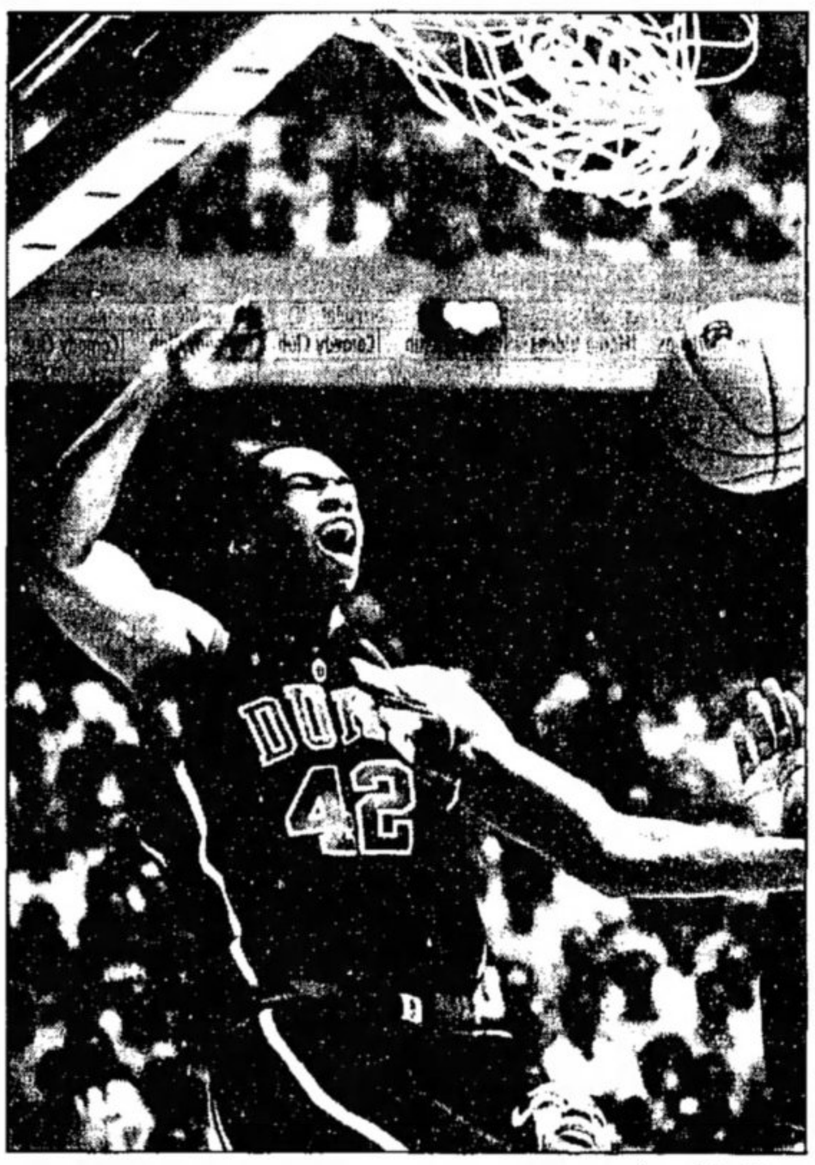
No. 23 Vanderbilt 67, Georgia 59

At Athens, Ga., Ross Neltner hit two key baskets in the final 2 minutes to help Vanderbilt win its second straight.

Alex Gordon scored 14 points for the Commodores (19-4, 4-4 Southeastern Conference), including two free throws with 30.3 seconds left that clinched it.

Vanderbilt looks to be back on track after losing four of six, which took some of the luster off its 16-0 start. It was the Commodores' first SEC road win of the season after four straight losses.

Sundiata Gaines and Jeremy Price led Georgia (11-9, 2-5) with 16 points apiece.



Associated Press

Duke's Lance Thomas gets a slam dunk against North Carolina during the first half of Wednesday's game.

James leads Dukes past St. Joseph's

PITTSBURGH (AP) — To Duquesne coach Ron Everhart, the only surprise was that shot blocker supreme Shawn James waited more than half a season to have a game like this.

James had a rare college triple-double with 17 points, 11 rebounds and 10 blocked shots and Duquesne wore down fatigued Saint Joseph's with its quickness and pressure defense during a 102-88 victory Wednesday night.

Kojo Mensah scored 19 points, Gary Tucker and Aaron Jackson added 18 each and Damian Saunders scored 14 as the Dukes (14-7, 4-4 in Atlantic 10) repeatedly frustrated the Hawks (15-6, 6-2) with a full-court press that resulted in turnovers, poor shots and fast break chances.

Pat Calathes had 23 points and 10 rebounds and Garret Williamson added 17 points, but the Hawks' six-game winning streak ended. They also fell out of a first-place tie with Xavier in the Atlantic 10. The Hawks had won 11 of 12 overall and had beaten Duquesne 10 consecutive times, including an 89-41 rout in Philadelphia last season.

"This is a resume builder for them," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said.

When Duquesne guards Mensah, Tucker and Jackson weren't creating offense, James — the nation's leading shot blocker two seasons ago at Northeastern before transferring — was dunking and blocking shots during the first triple-double in Duquesne history.

"We're capable of games like this when we have this kind of effort," James said.

While this is something new for the Dukes, it isn't for the 6-foot-10 James. He had four triple-doubles at Northeastern from 2004-06 and is now tied for third in NCAA history with five such career games. With 416 career blocks, he moved past Shaquille O'Neal of LSU and into 16th place in career blocks.

"You can't go out and tell a guy to block 10 shots," Everhart said. "I'm a little upset this hadn't come earlier. I've been on him very hard and challenging him and he really responded."

So did the rest of the Dukes, who went through several days of strenuous practice after they lost to St. Bonaventure 74-59 on Saturday, their second loss in a row.

Vitale back on the air

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Dick Vitale's first "Welcome Back" came well before the start of the Duke-North Carolina game.

College basketball's signature analyst-ambassador arrived at the Smith Center on Wednesday about five hours before he was to return to the air after two months away while he underwent and recovered from throat surgery.

And Vitale couldn't believe the reception he received.

As he turned the corner toward the media entrance, Vitale was suddenly in the middle of the North Carolina students already in line to get the prime seats for the game against their archrival.

"Dickie V. Dickie V."

The students, who have been known for changing his nickname to "Dukie V." on occasion because of some perceptions that he favors the "other" school in the rivalry, were genuinely excited to see the man who coined so many phrases that have become part of the lexicon of college basketball.

"Get a T-O, baby."

"This game's an M&Mer."

"You're a P-T-Per."

"Shoot the rock."

The more the students cheered and chanted, the closer Vitale got to crying and eventually the tears streamed down his face. And tipoff for the ESPN telecast between Duke and North Carolina was still hours away.

"This is unbelievable. It's been like this since Dec. 5 when I found out about the lesions in my throat," said Vitale, a man who admits he's emotional most of the time anyway. "The phone calls, the notes and letters, the gift baskets. How lucky can a man be? On Dec. 5 I never thought I'd be here again."

TV LISTINGS

Second wife frowns when dad taps on his daughter's tush

DEAR ABBY: My husband is 56. His daughter, "Loreen," from his first marriage is 35.

At times when he gives her a hug (as she's leaving from a visit) he will slap her on the butt.

This makes me uncomfortable because it seems inappropriate at her age.

I have told him how this makes me feel; he says it's something he has always done with both of his children. (He also has a son.)

I guess I could see it as a playful gesture when they were kids, but at this point I don't think so.

It reminds me of the kind of intimacy demonstrated between a husband and wife, not a father and daughter.

Am I being too uptight? — **UNCOMFORTABLE IN OKLAHOMA**

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: You have confused someone getting a "love pat" with someone being hit ON.

Yes, I think in this case you are being too uptight, unless there is something else you have observed that you haven't told me.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and have a 13-year-old sister I'll call "Becky," who is mentally retarded.

My mother recently tried to force me to promise that I'll always take care of Becky when she and dad die or can no longer take care of her.

I think it's unfair to saddle me with a lifetime obligation like this.

I have had to make many sacrifices because of Becky. I have to share a room with her and sleep with her in a double bed because she's afraid to sleep alone — even though we have a spare bedroom.

I have never had a sleepover because Becky gets too upset with someone else sleeping in our room.

I could go on and on.

I think I should be free of Becky as an adult.

There are other alternatives for challenged individuals.

Mother says it's my obligation because she's family.

I don't believe it should be my lifetime obligation just because we're born to the same parents.

What do you think? — **NO THANKS! SACRAMENTO, CALIF.**

DEAR NO THANKS!: You appear to be very angry, and with some justification.

You have already had too much responsibility thrust upon you.

Your sister should have been taught to sleep by herself years ago, because eventually that's what she will have to do.

Your family obligation to your sister isn't necessarily the kind your mother is trying to coerce you into.

If and when your parents become too incapacitated to care for Becky, a group living situation might be healthier for all concerned.

Your sister may not have a life of her own until she makes that transition.

Consider how lonely it must be for her to have no socialization beyond your parents.

While you do not have to keep your sister with you, you do have a moral obligation to see that she's well cared for.

In that sense, your mother is right.

But you certainly have a right to pursue your own life, career and family without anyone laying a guilt trip on you.

And you do not have to sacrifice your happiness, or sleep with your sister, for the rest of your life and/or hers.

DEAR READERS: Today marks the lunar New Year.

It's the Year of the Rat. Those born in the Year of the Rat are imaginative, charming and generous to those they love.

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

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THURSDAY EVENING — FEB. 7, 2008

MOVIES | TALK | NEWS | KIDS | SPORTS

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	Survivor: Micronesia — Fans vs. Favorites "You Guys Are Dumber Than You Look" Fans of the show meet previous contestants. (Season Premiere) (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Lying Down With Dogs" An investigation uncovers illegal dog fighting.		Without a Trace "Baggage" The team thinks a drug dealer is responsible for his sister's abduction.		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Kate Hudson; Jack Hanna. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Jon Favreau; Alicia Coppola; Shelby Lynne. (N)		(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond "Lateness"	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Jackie and Hyde exchange words.	(2) Paid/ (7) (10) CBS Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Lost "The Beginning of the End" The survivors are uncertain whether to believe Charlie's final message.		Lost "Confirmed Dead" The survivors begin to question the intentions of their supposed rescuers. (N)		Eli Stone "Freedom" Eli returns after a pilgrimage to the Himalayas to scatter his dad's ashes. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight "The International." (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune (N)	Deal or No Deal Texas man, Michigan woman compete. (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice "Window of Opportunity" The celebrities create living windows to promote a line of mattresses. (N)		Lipstick Jungle "Pilot" Three women work to attain their different goals. (Series Premiere) (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly (N)	Poker After Dark Alan "Boston" Dvorkis; Antonio Esfandiari; Mike Sexton; Mike Matusow; Jamie Gold; Paul Wasicka.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld Jerry lacks reservation for dinner.	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Adults answer questions from school books. (N)		Don't Forget the Lyrics! Contestants sing for cash. (N)		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld Naughty remarks on tape.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs		(8) The Object of My Affection/ (53) Scrubs	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City Carrie offends Berger.	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters	
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ Magazine	Fly Boys: Western Pennsylvania's Tuskegee Airmen pilots.		Mystery! A doctor decides to murder his detestable wife.		Telling the Truth: The Best in Broadcast Journalism		Charlie Rose (N)			OnQ Magazine	Tavis Smiley (N)	America's Ballroom Challenge "American Rhythm"		African American Lives 2 (N)	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Smallville "Siren" (N)		Supernatural "Dream a Little Dream of Me" (N)		The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim		That '70s Show	King of the Hill "Bobby Rae"	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	★★ The Great White Hype (1996)				TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4	F4 Generation	Bananas		7th St. Theater	Extreme Life	Heritage	Quick Study	CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts		Joseph Prince		Focus 4	F4 Generation	Austin Awake	Born to Free
(59) WBGN	Temptation (N)	Temptation	Degrassi: Next	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Dead Like Me "My Room"		Cold Squad		Reno 911!	Blind Date		Bid 4 Prizes	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Camp Fear"		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48 (N)		American Justice: Shotgun			The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
ABCFAM	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	★★★ Matilda (1996)				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club			Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★★ Sniper (1993)				★★★½ The Matrix (1999) A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.						Breaking Bad "Pilot"			★★½ Dante's Peak (1997)					Breaking Bad
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Prehistoric Park "Sabre Tooth"		Dog Show "AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 2008" More than 3,000 dogs compete.						Dog Show "AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 2008" More than 3,000 dogs compete.							Prehistoric Park "Sabre Tooth"	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Last Restaurant Standing		BBC World News America		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares			Last Restaurant Standing		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Last Restaurant Standing	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Black Carpet	News Special	Movie Special	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Hell Date	Hell Date		Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel (N)		Make Me a Supermodel			Project Runway		Make Me a Supermodel		The Millionaire Matchmaker	
CMT	Trick My Truck	Trick My Truck	Trick My Truck	Trick My Truck	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Comedy Club	Comedy Club	Comedy Club	Comedy Club		Gone Country		Gone Country	Redneck Wed	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Millionaire Inside: Debt		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money			Millionaire Inside: Debt		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360					Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★★ Delirious (1991)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Drawn Toget	Daily Show	Colbert Report		Rick Cleveland's My Buddy Bill		Daily Show	Colbert Report	Halfway Home	Halfway Home
CSPAN	House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today							Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Man vs. Wild "European Alps"		Man vs. Wild Panama.		Man vs. Wild "Scotland"		MythBusters Steel toe boots.			Man vs. Wild "European Alps"		Man vs. Wild Panama.		Man vs. Wild "Scotland"	
DISNEY	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior (2006)				That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana		Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	American Drgn	Buzz Lightyear	Timon-Pumbaa
E!	True H'wood	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	The Soup	★★★ That Thing You Do! (1996)					E! News	Chelsea Lately		The Daily 10	Hugh Hefner: The E! True Hollywood Story				Chelsea Lately
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball West Virginia at Pittsburgh.				College Basketball Indiana at Illinois.				SportsCenter			NFL Live (N)	Gamenight	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Stump-Schwab	Stump-Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing		Can't Blame	Can't Blame	American Gladiators		Bull Riding: Xtreme Bulls			The Contender		UWF Wrestling	UWF Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Rome-Burning	College Basketball Clemson at Virginia.				College Basketball Xavier at St. Louis.				Gamenight	Mix Tape Tour		NASCAR Now	Formula D Drifting		Winter X-Games		Int. X-Games
EWTN	Beauty-Alive	Will Provide	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Life on the Rock		Parable	Holy Rosary	Back Stage	The Pure Life	Web of Faith			Daily Mass: Our Lady		Life on the Rock		Parable	The Pure Life
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor			Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live Jane Monheit.		Good Eats	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America Bobby Flay.		Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Good Eats	Unwrapped		Iron Chef America Bobby Flay.		Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		NHL Hockey New York Islanders at Pittsburgh Penguins.					FSN Live	College Basketball UCLA at Washington State.					In Focus	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Final Score	Best-Sports
FX	★★ Maid in Manhattan (2002)		★★ Maid in Manhattan (2002)				★★½ Fever Pitch (2005)				★★½ Fever Pitch (2005)					70s Show	70s Show	Paid	Paid
GOLF	Post Game	Lessons	Lessons	Trevino & Lopez	PGA Tour Golf AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am -- First Round.							19th Hole	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am -- First Round.					
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	How Much	Chain Reaction	Lingo	Whammy		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Daniel's Daughter (2008)				Murder, She Wrote			Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Small Space	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed-Sell	Carter Can (N)	Divine Design	Color Correct.	House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Over Head		Designed-Sell	Carter Can	Divine Design	Color Correct.	House Hunters	House Hunters
HIST	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels Metals		Modern Marvels "'90s Tech"		Gangland		Cities of the Underworld		Cities of the Underworld			Modern Marvels "'90s Tech"		Gangland		Cities of the Underworld	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	★★★½ Witness (1985) Premiere.					Will & Grace		Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		The Mind of Manson		A Deadly Affair			Countdown-Olbermann		The Mind of Manson		A Deadly Affair	
MTV	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		Making the Band 4		America's Best Dance Crew			America's Best Dance Crew				Real World-Road Rules		Jackass	Jackass
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Ned's School	Zoey 101	Drake & Josh	SpongeBob	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince		Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Captured	Snapped	Snapped	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling			The Tyra Banks Show		★★★½ Ghost World (2001)			
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs		Journalists Roundtable		PA Public Affairs											Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	Aesthetic Med	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone		News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	★★ Meet Joe Black (1998) The Grim Reaper assumes the form of a recently deceased man.						★★ Dragonfly (2002)				★½ Johnny Mnemonic (1995)					Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "Milagro"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		TNA IMPACT! (N)				Pros vs. Joes (N)			MANswers	Three Stooges	Wild World	Whacked Out	Blade: The Series "Evil Within"	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	★★★ Mission: Impossible 2 (2000)					Sex and City		Sex and City	★★★ Mission: Impossible 2 (2000)				
TCM	★★★ Hawaii (1966)				★★★★ 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)				★★★ Lolita (1962) A middle-aged professor becomes smitten with a 12-year-old.							★★★½ Easy Rider (1969) Premiere.			
TLC	Property Ladder		Rides Working on a Camaro.		American Chopper		American Chopper Reveals. (N)	LA Ink	LA Ink		American Chopper Reveals.	LA Ink	LA Ink			American Chopper		Rides Working on a Camaro.	
TNT	Law & Order "Marathon"		Law & Order "The Wheel"		NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Houston Rockets.					NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Golden State Warriors.						Inside the NBA		The X-Files	
TOON	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Gym Partner	Johnny Test	Grim Advent.	Courage-Dog	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Family Guy		Robot Chicken	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	Great Cruises		Samantha Brown's First Cruise		Great Cruises		Food Wars: Barbecue		Feasty Boys	Feasty Boys	Art-Sandstead	Deal Hunter		Great Cruises		Food Wars: Barbecue		Feasty Boys	Feasty Boys
TRUTV	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops "Texas"	Cops	Speeders (N)	Speeders	Most Shocking		Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Forensic Files	Hwood Heat		Speeders	Speeders	Most Shocking		Ocean Force	Ocean Force
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Just Shoot Me	Just Shoot Me	Just Shoot Me	Just Shoot Me	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H		Just Shoot Me	Just Shoot Me	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford & Son	The Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Law & Order: SVU		Psych "Dis-Lodged"		★½ Queen of the Damned	
VH1	Embarrassing Moments 2		★★½ Sixteen Candles (1984)				Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Scott Baio Is 46 and Pregnant			Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Flavor of Love 3 Casting Sp		Driven Flavor Flav.	
VS.	Holy ...!	Holy ...!	Field Sports	Field Sports	Field Sports	Field Sports	Boxing Kendall Holt vs. Ben Tackie.				Field Sports	Field Sports		Boxing Kendall Holt vs. Ben Tackie.				Field Sports	Field Sports
WE	★★★ The Birdcage (1996)				★★★ Baby Boom (1987)				★★★ Baby Boom (1987)					★★★ The Birdcage (1996)					My Life (1993)
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		★★★ Blood and Wine (1996)				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs		Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	★★ Little	★½ Mallrats (1995)			★½ 10 Things I Hate About You (1999)		★★★ Mystic Pizza (1988)					★★ Little Man (2006)					★★★ Scream (1996)		
HBO	★★★½ Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith (2005)				Inside the NFL		In Treatment	In Treatment	The Wire "React Quotes"		Real Sex 27: Slippery			Inside the NFL		★½ Money Train (1995)			
MAX	★★ My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006)				★★ Trading Places (1983)				★½ Grandma's Boy (2006)			Bikini Pirates (2007)				★★½ Light It Up (1999)			Bottle Rocket
SHOW	★½ A Night at the Roxbury		★★½ Nacho Libre (2006)				★★★ The Hand That Rocks the Cradle (1992)				The L Word			★★½ Hard Candy (2006)			★★★ Clerks (1994) Premiere.		
STARZ	★★ Stay Alive (2006)			★★½ Open Season (2006)			★★★ Glory Road (2006)				★ Ultraviolet (2006)				★★½ Renaissance (2006)				The Quiet
TMC	Deep Impact	★★★½ An Inconvenient Truth (2006)			★★ Godsend (2004)		★★½ Legends of the Fall (1994)							★★ Dangerous Game (1993)				UKM: Ultimate Killing Machine	

FEATURES

ENGAGEMENTS

Dainty-Mucci

Melinda and James Barncord, of Monongahela, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Rachele Dainty, to Justin Alan Mucci.

Dainty also is the daughter of the late Keith Dainty. She is a graduate of Elizabeth Forward High School and is currently attending the Community College of Allegheny County, where she is majoring in child and family studies. The bride-elect is employed by Little Kids Play Center in Pleasant Hills.

Her fiance, son of Jim and Rhonda Mucci, of Monongahela, is a Ringgold High School graduate. He is employed by the Boilermakers Local No. 154 as an apprentice.

The couple is planning a May 16, 2009, wedding in St. Anthony Church, Monongahela.

Stephanie R. Dainty & Justin A. Mucci

Shutterly-Ranallo

The engagement of Jennifer Shutterly and Cory Ranallo has been announced.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Scott and Chris Shutterly, of Webster (Rostraver Township). She is a graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School and the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is employed as the marketing support representative for Canon Business Solutions.

Her fiance is the son of Carol Voelker, of Monessen, and Jack Ranallo, of Fairmont, W.Va. He is a graduate of Charleroi Area High School and is employed as the operations manager for Clicks Document Management.

A December 2008 wedding is planned in Resurrection Church, Brookline.

Cory Ranallo & Jennifer Shutterly

Jump Rope for Heart set at Rostraver Elementary

Students at Rostraver Elementary School will jump rope to raise money for the fight against heart disease and stroke Friday at the elementary gymnasium.

About 580 students will participate in Jump Rope For Heart, a fund-raising event sponsored by the American Heart Association and American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Contributions collected by participants will fund research and education about heart disease and stroke, leading causes of death and disability among American adults.

Youngsters who participate in Jump Rope For Heart obtain flat donations for their involvement in the event. In addition, they can earn thank-you gifts based on how much money they raise.

The American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance created Jump Rope For Heart 25 years ago. These two national organizations also developed another popular school-based fund-raiser, Hoops For Heart.

For information about the American Heart Association or participating in Jump Rope For Heart, contact the American Heart Association at (412) 702-1185 or call 1-800-AHA-USA 1 (1-800-242-8721).

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CALENDAR WATCH

Friday

■ Fish fry, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Monongahela, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Fish fry, St. John Church, Perryopolis, noon to 6 p.m.

■ Fish fry, Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Monessen, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

■ Fish dinner, St. Michael Church, Elizabeth Township, 4 to 7 p.m.

■ Fish fry, St. Joseph Church, Roscoe, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Fish fry and fried dough sale, St. John Episcopal Church, Donora, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Fish fry, Brownsville Senior Center, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Fish fry, Charleroi Knights of Columbus, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

■ Fish fry, Calvary United Presbyterian Church, Donora, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Fish fry, Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's District 1 Choral Festival, Elizabeth Forward High School, 7 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Healing service, Union Baptist Church, Monessen, 7 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Movie night set in Elizabeth

The first Movie Benefit for the Mon Valley YMCA Youth and Government Club will feature the showing of "Top Gun" 7 p.m. Friday at the historic Grand Theatre, 207 Second Ave., Elizabeth. All movie ticket holders will also receive 10 percent off at a nearby restaurant. Tickets are available at the Mon Valley YMCA or at the door of the theatre the night of the event. For information, call Adoree DeLuca-Johnson at the YMCA at (724) 483-8077.

Saturday Night Live planned at YMCA

Saturday Night Live will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Mon Valley YMCA, Carroll Township. Swimming, basketball, gym games and food are included along with unlimited access to the Youth and Teen Center. Youth and teens are divided into age appropriate groups. For information, call the YMCA at (724) 483-8077.

ICCM fundraiser set in Monessen

Increasing College/Community Monies, ICCM, will have a Platter Fundraiser 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Your Mamma's House Restaurant, 561 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen. Ribs, pork chops, chicken and two side dishes, along with the regular menu will be available.

Long Branch Grange to meet

Long Branch Community Grange will hold its monthly meeting 1 p.m. Saturday. The lecturer's program will be a discussion on Valentine's Day and President's Day. Nancy and Art Gregg and Becky Schaum will be in charge of lunch. At the last meeting it was announced that the grange is available for rental for showers, weddings, funerals, etc. For information, contact Master Gary Gregg at (724) 938-2529.

Spaghetti dinner set in Monongahela

Monongahela 455 Elks, corner of Union and Jackson streets, will hold a spaghetti dinner noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. For takeouts, call (724) 258-3370.

Ringgold PTSA plans free program

The Ringgold High School PTSA will sponsor a free program by a representative of the state attorney general's office 7 p.m. Monday at the high school auditorium. A discussion will be held on what parents can do regarding Internet safety for their children. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

Tax preparation site changed

The site for the Covenant Christian VITA free income tax preparation for senior and lower income earners for 2007 has been moved to 909 Amelia Street, Belle Vernon. The service will be available from Feb. 7-March 31 by appointment only by calling (724) 929-8482. Directions to the office will be given when making an appointment. Do not call the church. Each person must bring last year's returns and all information for 2007. Property owners must bring original stamped property tax receipts for property tax rebates. Renters must bring proof of paying their rent for the 2007 rent rebate. The returns will be filed electronically to the IRS and PA Dept. of Revenue. Property tax rebates must be mailed to the state. Most tax returns such as small business, depreciation, farms, rental returns and amended taxes will be filed.

Sewage Authority to meet Monday

The regular meeting of the Mon Valley Sewage Authority will be held 7 p.m. Monday at the office of the authority, 20 Washington St., MIDA Industrial Park, Donora.

VFW Post 1409 plans meeting

Monongahela Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1409 will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday at the post. Members are urged to attend.

New Eagle AARP to meet Tuesday

New Eagle AARP will meet 1 p.m. Tuesday at the VFW hall. Members are asked to wear red for Valentine's Day. A representative from Rep. Pete Daley's office will speak. Doughnuts and coffee will be available.

Corning Glass Retirees to meet

Corning Glass Retirees will meet 2 p.m. Tuesday at Riverside Place, Charleroi. Terry McCullough, of Mon Valley Services, will speak on changes in Social Security.

Valentine Night Hike scheduled

The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation will offer a Valentine Night Hike 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Mingo Creek County Park. Luminaries will adorn the hiking trail on this third annual event. Bring your family, a flashlight, warm yourself by the campfire and have hot cocoa. For reservations, call (724) 228-6867.

Mon Valley Regional Chamber plans luncheon

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will host its next chamber luncheon 11:45 a.m. Tuesday at the Charleroi Elks. Washington County Commissioner Bracken Burns will be guest speaker. For reservations, call (724) 483-3507 or visit www.mvrchamber.org.

Twilight Borough Council to meet

Twilight Borough Council will hold its next regular meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday in the borough building.

Pike Run 4-H group to meet

The Pike Run 4-H Club's next business meeting will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Grace United Methodist Church, off Route 481 on California Drive. Anyone 8-18 as of Jan. 1 can join. Anyone 5-7 can join the clover bud program. Hoagie sales slips will be passed out with orders due at the March meeting. For information, call Jim and Michelle Sutch at (724) 938-8851.

Valley Grapevine deadline set

Items for Valley Grapevine should be submitted at least five publishing days prior to scheduled meetings or events.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: I equals Z

"OM PBB NAEO UP DUTAO EKJ KMO OM JM UO UP NEKO MS RMCDETB."
- RMKSCRUCP

"SDMV REDUKT RMVBP RMCDETB."
- YEM OIC

PREVIOUS SOLUTION —"Do not allow yourselves to be disheartened by any failure as long as you have done your best." - Mother Teresa

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CATHY® by Cathy Guisewite

WHAT DO MEN WANT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?
WE WANT IT TO BE OVER.
GIFT! WHAT KIND OF GIFT?
THE GIFT OF KNOWING IT'S OVER AND WE HAVEN'T BLOWN IT.
WHAT'S YOUR ROMANTIC FANTASY??
ALL WE WANT IS A WOMAN WHO ISN'T WEEPING, SHRIEKING OR THROWING OUR BELONGINGS OUT INTO THE YARD!!!
JUST WHEN YOU THINK THEY COULDN'T GET ANY HARDER TO SHOP FOR...

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

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IT'S THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE "YEAR OF THE RAT" IN THE CHINESE ZODIAC!
PEOPLE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT ARE CUNNING, AMBITIOUS AND OBSTINATE.
LEADERS TEND TO BE RATS!
WHO SAYS ASTROLOGY IS NONSENSE?
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Classic PEANUTS® by Charles M. Schulz

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, KID?
I'M TAKING DANCE LESSONS SO I CAN LEARN TO BE MORE OUTGOING
MAYBE IF I'M MORE OUTGOING, I WON'T BE SO LONELY..
ASK ME TO DANCE, AND I'LL OUTGO YOU RIGHT OVER YOUR HEAD!
ACTUALLY, BEING LONELY ISN'T ALL THAT BAD.
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MONTY® by Jim Meddick

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OH YOUR POOR KITTY!...DID THE VET SHAVE HIM FOR A PROCEDURE?
OH...THAT?...NO...IT'S...UM...COMPLICATED.
PLEASE TELL ME.
WELL, SEE...I'VE BEEN APPLYING AN OINTMENT...UM...A HAIR-GROWTH OINTMENT TO MY CAT, BUT ...UM, I FEEL SOMEWHAT UNCOMFORTABLE...WELL.... THERE ARE CERTAIN...
YEAH. THE VET HAD TO SHAVE HIM FOR AN EMERGENCY RUMPOTOMY.

HI & LOIS® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

NO DESSERT UNTIL YOU'VE FINISHED DINNER.
BUT MOM...
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BROWNIE
ICE CREAM MAKES AN EXCELLENT PALATE CLEANSER BETWEEN COURSES
HE'S BEEN WATCHING COOKING SHOWS ON T.V.

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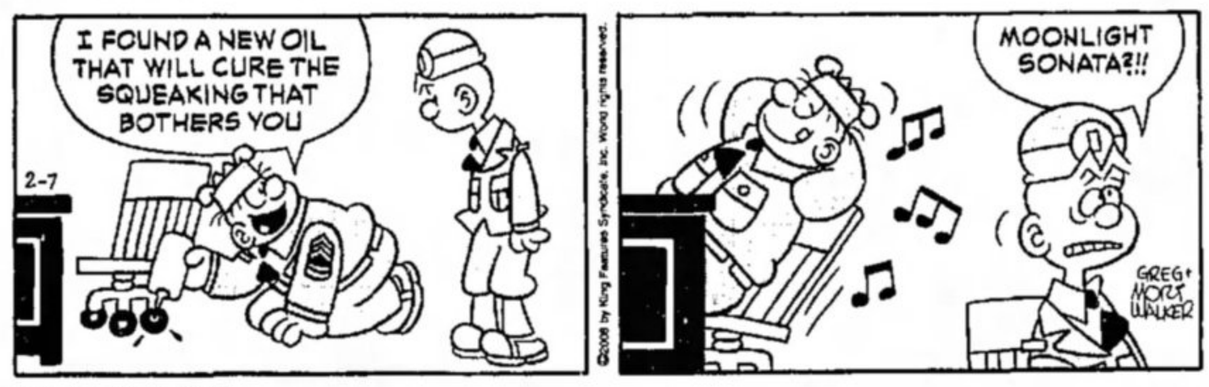

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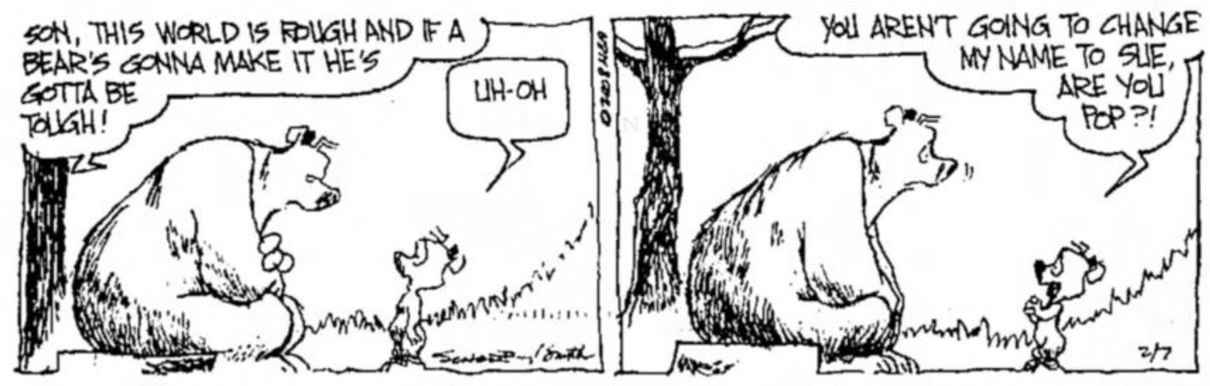
SON, THIS WORLD IS ROUGH AND IF A BEAR'S GONNA MAKE IT HE'S GOTTA BE TOUGH!
UH-OH
YOU AREN'T GOING TO CHANGE MY NAME TO SUE, ARE YOU POP?!
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COW AND BOY® by Mark Leiknes

EVERYBODY, GET OUT YOUR POETRY...
BLAH-DEE, BLAH, BLAH.
I ALREADY KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO WITH MY LIFE, AND IT DON'T INVOLVE WRITIN' POETRY.
RIP
IS POETRY GOING TO HELP ME WRITE BETTER SONGS? HELP ME EXPRESS MYSELF BETTER? WILL I BE ABLE TO REACH A WIDER AUDIENCE WITH BEAUTIFULLY CONSTRUCTED PROSE?
OK, SHOULD'VE SAVED THIS RANT FOR MATH DO YOU HAVE ANY TAPE?

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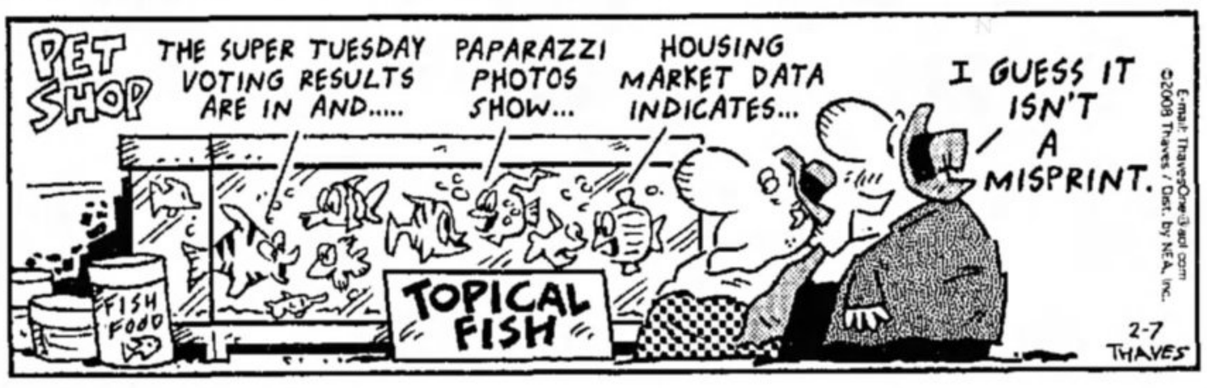

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WHY?
YOU COULD ACCIDENTALLY SPLIT ONE OF THOSE BREAD ATOMS AND CAUSE A NUCULAR EXPLOSION...
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THIS NOTE IS TO TELL FROM JENNY THAT SHE LIKE ME!
BRILLIANT DEDUCTION, ARTUR.
WANT ME TO TAKE A MESSAGE BACK TO HER? Y'KNOW, TELL HER YOU ONLY LIKE HER AS A FRIEND?
ARTUR?
ARTUR?
SIIIGH...

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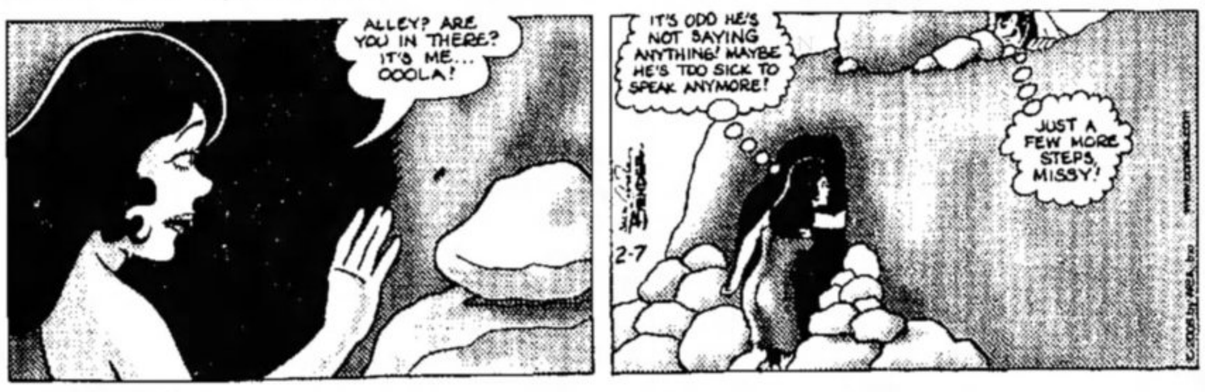
ALLEY? ARE YOU IN THERE? IT'S ME... OOOLA!
IT'S ODD HE'S NOT SAYING ANYTHING! MAYBE HE'S TOO SICK TO SPEAK ANYMORE!
JUST A FEW MORE STEPS, MISSY!
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

TRAIL'S STILL ALIVE..LOOK AT THESE TRACKS LEADING OUT OF THE WATER!
THOSE TWO HAVE RIFLES! I'VE GOT TO STAY OUT OF THEIR SIGHT!
JACK ELROD
MEANWHILE, ANDY, WITH MARK'S MESSAGE ON HIS COLLAR, RACES TOWARD THE COMMUNITY

The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

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1 Particles of matter
6 First-magnitude star
10 Fends off
12 Baja gents
14 Make a difference
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16 Home turnover
18 Honor society letter
19 Coin receiver
21 Prompted
23 Grain crop
24 Convene
26 Picnic spoiler
29 Geologic division
30 Mooch
32 Loud noise
34 Vex
36 1960s Chairman
37 Cagers' org.
38 On a voyage
40 Wrecker's job
42 Laid up
43 Cat's-paw
45 Track event
47 Yellowstone sight
50 Helm
52 Toe problem
54 Infuriate
58 Very tired
59 Cleaned a fish
60 Actress — Olin
61 Promote showily

DOWN

1 Rocker part
2 Londoner's brew
3 Decide
4 Paris subway
5 Icy downpours
6 Plywood layer
7 Finale
8 Gunk
9 Cats do it
11 Almost-grads
12 Crewmate of Uhura
13 Schuss
17 Put into motion
19 Damascus' locale
20 Thumbs through
22 Bit of paint
23 Sleep phenom
25 Apple rival
27 Column type
28 Lofty
31 Low
33 "Bien" opposite
35 Served lunch
39 Dawn goddess
41 Monkey —
44 Undersized
46 Panoply
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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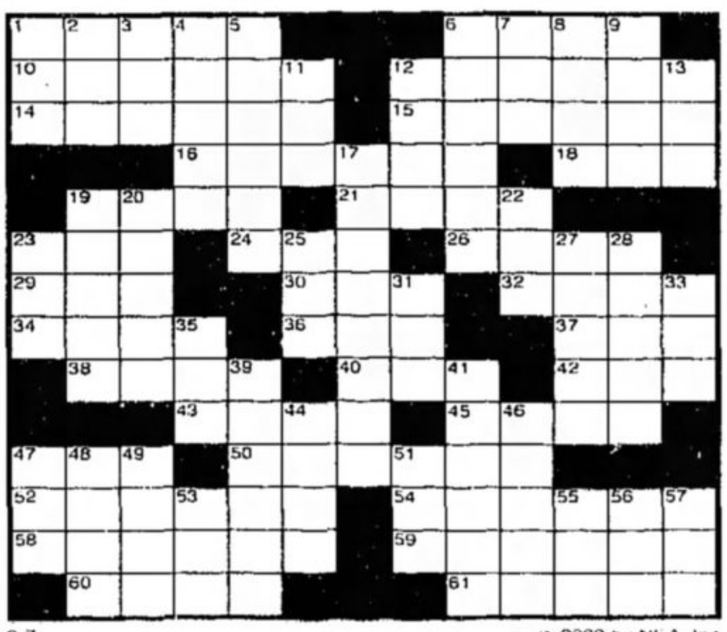

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Donald C. Ducar, Administrator
609 James Drive
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Timothy M. Maalta, Attorney
513 Schoonmaker Ave.
Monessen, PA 15062
1/31,2/7,14

Small, Genevieve Josephine
ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF GENEVIEVE J. SMAIL a/k/a GENEVIEVE JOSEPHINE SMAIL, DECEASED. Late of New Eagle, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary on the above Estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

ERNEST SMAIL
604 WOOD STREET
NEW EAGLE, PA 15067

DEBRA A. CROWNOVER
120 CRESTVIEW MANOR
MONONGAHELA, PA 15063

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CHARLEROI, PA 15022
1/31,2/7,14

2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE

The Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Consortium will accept electronically-sealed online bids for Audio Visual/Data Processing and Custodial/General supplies on behalf of its following members: Belle Vernon Area, Burrell, Derry Area, Franklin Regional, Greater Latrobe, Greensburg Salem, Hempfield Area, Jeannette City, Kiski Area, Ligonier Valley, Monessen City, Mount Pleasant Area, New Kensington-Arnold, Penn-Trafford, Southmoreland and Yough school districts; Eastern Westmoreland and Northern Westmoreland career and technology centers, and Westmoreland Intermediate Unit.

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Gregg Kretchum
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2/7,13,18

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SHERIFF SALE

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NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO.,

Plaintiff

Vs.

RONALD C. PAUL, JR. and BARBARA J. PAUL,

Defendants

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF RONALD C. PAUL, JR. AND BARBARA J. PAUL OWNERS OR REPUTED OWNERS.

1st Ward, Monongahela City, Washington County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Having erected thereon a dwelling known as 801 Nelson Street, Monongahela, PA 15063. Parcel No. 420-008-00-01-0007-00

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-5030 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for Aurora Loan Services FFMLT 2005-FFH2 by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc. as its attorney-in-fact,

Plaintiff

Vs.

Clarence P. Huff,

Defendant

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2007-5030, U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for Aurora Loan Services FFMLT 2005-FFH2 by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc. as its attorney-in-fact v. Clarence P. Huff, owners of property situate in the Township of Buffalo, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being 180 Hathaway Road (Buffalo Township) Claysville, PA 15323.

Assessment Map No.: 060-001-00-00-0016-08

Assessed Value Figure: $11,973.00

Judgment Amount: $151,805.78

Improvements Thereon: Residential Property

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-5201 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

Bank of New York, as Trustee,

Plaintiff

Vs

Anthony Grejda,

Defendant

All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Township of Peters, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Being Known as: 106 Lantern Ct, Canonsburg, PA 15317

Tax I.D.#: 540-006-09-00-0005-00.

Improvements consist of a Residential Dwelling

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8049 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

JP Morgan Chase Bank As Trustee for Equity One Inc Mortgage/pass through certificate series #2003-1
Plaintiff

Vs.

Todd A. Geer
And
Lynn M. Geer
Defendants

ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land situate in the Borough of Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania

TAX PARCEL NO.: 160-029-00-04-0018-00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 210 Washington Avenue Charleroi, PA 15022

IMPROVEMENTS: ERECTED THEREON

SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF: Todd A. Geer and Lynn M. Geer

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-4509 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc.,

Plaintiff

Vs.

Lewis F. Johnson,

Defendant

All that certain tract of land situate in the Township of Mount Pleasant, County of Washington, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Being Known as: 249 Water Dam Road, McDonald, PA 15057-3013

Tax I.D.#: 460-014-00-00-0008-00

Improvements consist of a Residential Dwelling

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-4019 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.,

Plaintiff

Vs.

ELIZABETH G. MCCLOSKEY
DAVID K. MCCLOSKEY,

Defendants

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in Carroll Township, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being Lot No. 14 in the Country Club Court Plan of Lots of record in the Recorder's office of said County in Plan Book Volume 7 Pages 60 & 61, and bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the Easterly line of the right of way of State Highway Route No. 88, common to the lot hereby described between said Lots, North 54 degrees 31' 27" East, Two Hundred (200) feet to a point common to the lot hereby described and lots numbered Thirteen (13), thirty-three (33), and thirty-four (34) in said plan; thence, along the western line of lot number thirty-four (34) and a portion of lot number thirty-five (35), southeastwardly ninety and twenty hundredths (90.20) feet to a point common to a lot hereby described and lot number fifteen (15) in said plan, thence, along the division line between the last mentioned lots, South 57 degrees 26' 47" West two hundred (200) feet to a point in the eastern line of State Highway Route No. 88; and thence along the same, northwestwardly eighty (80) feet to the point at the place of beginning.

Source of Title: 2254, 410, 16118 (Recorded: 10/07/1986)

Premises: 1229 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, MONONGAHELA, PA 15063

TAX PARCEL: # 130-008-01-03-0019-00A

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2004-191 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING
Plaintiff

Vs.

CRYSTAL SAUNDERS
Defendant

ALL that certain parcel of land situate in the Borough of Donora, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and described as follows:

Sub-division of Lot No. 53 in Block No. 23 of the Union Improvement Company's Plan of the original town of Donora: Beginning at a point at the intersection of Fourth Street and Gum Alley; thence North 18 degrees 8 minutes East along said Gum Alley, a distance of 120 feet to a point at the intersection of Mahogany Alley and Gum Alley; thence South 18 degrees 8 minutes West, a distance of 120 feet to a point on Fourth Street; thence South 71 degrees 52 minutes East along said Fourth Street, a distance of 32 feet to the place of beginning.

Being designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 240-024-00-05-0007-00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 454 Fourth Street Donora, PA 15033

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff

Vs.

THOMAS M. CIMINO,

Defendant

All that certain Condominium Unit No. 311, Building 6, Style C as shown on the Evergreen Village Condominium, recorded in Plan Book Volume 43, pages 514 thru 516, together with a 1.56 per centum undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto, in that condominium project known as Evergreen Village Condominium, situate in the Township of Peters, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Declaration there of being recorded on January 4, 2002 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Washington County, Pennsylvania at Instrument No. 200200326; as such was re-recorded on September 5, 2002 at Instrument Number 200231660, as such was corrected pursuant to the Corrective Declaration of Condominium for Evergreen Village Association, dated September 6, 2002 which was recorded at Instrument Number 200232767; and together with all the right, title, estate, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said parties of the first part, in law, equity, or otherwise, howsoever of, in and to Unit No. 311, Building 6, Style C and the 1.56 per centum undivided interest in the common elements assigned thereto.

Being designated as part of Tax Map No. 540-011-00-000-006-00, and 540-011-04-01-0002-00 in the Tax Map Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania. Having erected thereon a dwelling known as 311 Village Green Drive, McMurray, PA 15317. Now known as 540-011-00-00-0006-00V

ALSO for and in consideration of the said Condominium Unit No. 311, Building 6, Style C, and the 1.56 per centum undivided interest in the common elements, the grantee, the party of the second part, for and on behalf of the second part and their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, by the acceptance of this Deed covenants and agrees to pay such charges for the maintenance of, repairs to, replacement of and expenses in connection with the common elements as may be assessed from time to time by the Council in accordance with the Unit Property Act of Pennsylvania and further covenants and agrees that the unit insofar as Section 705 and 706 of the said Unit Property Act may relieve a subsequent unit owner of liability for prior unpaid assessments, this covenant shall run with and bind the land or unit hereby conveyed and all subsequent owners thereof; and grantee, the party of the second part for and on behalf of the party of the second part and their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns by the acceptance of this Deed covenants and agrees to be bound and governed by the Declaration of Condominium for Evergreen Village Condominium, filed and recorded with the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Washington County to Instrument No. 200200326; as such was re-recorded on September 5, 2002 as Instrument Number 200231860, as such corrected pursuant to the Condominium Declaration of Condominium for Evergreen Village Association, dated September 6, 2002 which was recorded as Instrument Number 200232767; The Declaration Plan, filed and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds at Plan Book Volume 43, page 514, and with the Code of Regulations, if any, as from time to time may be amended, and all matters set forth therein.

Subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations, rights of way and exceptions as set forth in the prior deeds and instruments in the chain of title.

Source of Title: 200611840 (Recorded: 04/28/2006)

Premises: 311 VLG GREEN, MCMURRAY, PA 15317

TAX PARCEL # 540-011-00-00-006-00V

Samuel F. Romaro,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7831 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

LIQUIDATION PROPERTIES INC.
Plaintiff

Vs.

DAVID L. MORGAN
SUSAN FOX MORGAN
Defendants

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF DAVID L. MORGAN and SUSAN FOX MORGAN, OWNERS OR REPUTED OWNERS.

ATC lot of land, known as Lot No. 1 in the Morgan Subdivision No. 1, recorded in Plan Book 19, Page 124, situate in South Strabane Twp., Washington Co., PA.

BEGINNING at an iron pipe located near the western side of Twp. Rte. No. T-682 and known as Quarry Rd., which pipe is also located at corner of land n/f George H. Warrick and Robert J. Warrick, thence from said point of beginning, and along the westerly side of said Twp. Rte. No. T-682, S 22 degrees 12' 00" W 186.23 ft. to an iron pin; thence leaving said road and through other lands n/f of Ernest Floyd Morgan, et ux., N 81 degrees 34' 52" W 163.36 ft. to an iron pin; thence through the same, N 7 degrees 05' 47" E 196.08 ft. to an iron pin on line of lands n/f of said George H. Warrick and Robert J. Warrick; thence along said Warrick land, N 86 degrees 25' 00" E 215.57 ft. to an iron pipe the place of beginning

CONTAINING an area of 0.670 acres in accordance with survey of Engelhardt-Power and Associates, Inc., dated May, 1980

BEING known as 271 QUARRY ROAD, WASHINGTON, PA 15301

Tax Parcel No. 600-007-00-00-0059-01

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-2621 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,

Plaintiff

Vs.

Unknown, Heirs, Successors, Assigns, And All Persons, Firms, or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest from or Under Rosella Spochacz, Deceased (Mortgagor) and Amy B. Spochacz (Real Owner)

Defendants

ALL these certain lots or pieces of ground situate in the Borough of Donora, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being Lots Nos. 12, 13 and 14 in Block No. 61, McKean Avenue, in the Union Improvement Company Plan of Lots, as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book Volume 2, pages 124 and 125.

BEING Lot 9 in Block 61, McKean Avenue, in the Union Improvement Company Plan of Lots, as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book Volume 2, pages 124 and 125.

BEING Lot 10 in Block 51, McKean Avenue, in the Union Improvement Company Plan of Lots, as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book Volume 2, pages 124 and 125.

TAX PARCEL I.D. NOS.: 240-007-00-03-0003-00, 240-007-00-03-0006-00 and 240-007-00-03-0005-00.

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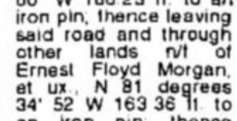
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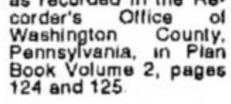

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SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8252 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC
Plaintiff

Vs.

JOHN TRAX
LORIE A. TRAX
Defendants

ALL that certain parcel of land situate in the Third Ward (formerly First Ward) of the Borough of Canonsburg, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the Easterly property line of Greenside Avenue, where the dividing line between the premises now being described and premises now or formerly of Bernard Kobosky intersects the same, said point being North 77 degrees, 14' East, a distance of 3.7 feet from an iron pin at the Easterly side of said Greenside Avenue, thence from said point of beginning and along said property now or formerly of Bernard Kobosky, North 77 degrees, 14' East, 111.75 feet to an iron pin on the line of lands now or formerly of Kenneth A. Small; thence along said last mentioned lands now or formerly of Kenneth A. Small, South 12 degrees, 46' East, 30.00 feet to an iron pin; thence through the larger parcel of ground of which the parcel now being described was originally a part, South 77 degrees, 14' West, 111.75 feet to a point on the Easterly property line of Greenside Avenue, the place of beginning.

The foregoing description is according to a survey and plot made and prepared by Engelhardt-Power & Assoc., of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, dated October 26, 1956, recorded at DBV 983, Page 216.

BEING designated as Parcel No. 110-031-00-02-0015-00

UNDER AND SUBJECT to an easement pertaining to the steps and sidewalk extending Eastwardly from Greenside Avenue which lies within the perimeter description of the above described premises, as shown on survey recorded aforesaid, for the use in common with the Grantee, his heirs and assigns, tenants and occupiers of the premises lying immediately South of adjacent to the within described premises, of the whole of said steps and sidewalk as now located and used, as shown on the aforementioned survey, provided that the within Grantee, by his acceptance of this deed, hereby covenants and agrees, for himself, his heirs and assigns, to and with the Grantors, their heirs and assigns, that they, their heirs and assigns, will assume and pay one-half of the cost of the upkeep, maintenance and repair of said steps and sidewalk, and will at all times keep and maintain said steps and sidewalk free and clear of any obstruction whatsoever.

Source of Title: 2284, 421 (Recorded: 08/03/1987)

Premises: 306 GREENSIDE AVENUE CANONSBURG, PA 15317

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8842 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

JP MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORPORATION
Plaintiff

Vs.

SHERRY HAYWOOD
Defendant

ALL that certain lot or parcel of ground situate in the Borough of Donora, Washington County, Pennsylvania, described more fully as follows: Vacant Lot No. 11, Block No. 63, Van Pelt Avenue, in the Union Improvement Company's Plan of Lots, situate in the Borough of Donora, Plan Book Vol. 2, Pages 124-125.

Under and subject to the same exceptions, reservations and conditions set forth in deeds in the chain of title.

BEING the same property as was conveyed to Dorothy I. Vernile and Linda M. Fincik, joint tenants with right of survivorship, by Deed dated August 4, 2000, and recorded August 15, 2000, at Instrument No. 200021933, in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania. The said Glenn Vernile died August 26, 2002, leaving to survive him his wife, Dorothy I. Vernile. And

ALL that certain lot or parcel of ground situate in the Borough of Donora, formerly Township of Carroll, County of Washington, Pennsylvania, and described as follows:

Lot No. 10 in Block No. 63, lying between Mohawk Alley and Elk Alley; fronting on Van Pelt Street 32.37 feet; and running back 92.06 feet along the line of Lot No. 9 and 104.21 feet along the line of Lot No. 11 in said Block No. 63, and having a rear of 30 feet on Aebi Alley. Said lot being in and more particularly shown by the Union Improvement Company's Plan of Lots in the Borough of Donora, formerly Township of Carroll, designated as the Second Addition to the Town of Donora, such Plan is recorded in Plan Book Vol. 2, pages 124 and 125.

BEING the same property as was conveyed to Dorothy I. Vernile and Linda M. Fincik, joint tenants with right of survivorship, by Deed dated August 4, 2000, and recorded August 15, 2000, at Instrument No. 200021932, in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania. The said Dorothy I. Vernile died August 26, 2002.

Source of Title: 200522277, 200522277 (Recorded: 07/28/2005)

Premises: 326 VAN PELT STREET DONORA, PA 15033

TAX PARCEL: #240-008-00-02-0012-00 and #240-008-00-02-0013-00

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-5470 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff

Vs.

RUTH I. MCHUGH,

Defendant

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST AND CLAIMS OF RUTH I. MCHUGH, OF, IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBINSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AT DBV 2223, PAGE 462.

HAVING ERECTED THEREON A DWELLING KNOWN AS 5901-5903 MAPLE GROVE ROAD, BULGER, PENNSYLVANIA 15019.

TAX PARCEL I.D NO. 550-007-00-00-001402.

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-292 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS INC.,

Plaintiff

Vs.

PAUL E. MCILVAINE,

Plaintiff

All that certain lot or piece or ground situate in the Township of Chartiers, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being Lot No. 15 in Block No. 17 of a Plan of Lots laid out for William B. Houston, as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Allegheny County in Plan Book Volume 3, Page 56

UNDER AND SUBJECT to all conditions, restrictions and reservations as may be contained in prior deeds of record

TAX PARCEL #: 170-006-04-07-0006-00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 259 CHERRY AVENUE, HOUSTON, PA 15342

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SHERIFF SALE

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WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
Plaintiff

Vs

MICHAEL DANZA
GILDA DANZA
Defendants

All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Borough of Canonsburg, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point intersecting the southeasterly side of East Pitt Street, 45.4 feet wide, with the northeasterly side of North Central Avenue; thence along said side of East Pitt Street, North 74 degrees 00 minute East, a distance of 95.05 feet to a point on the dividing line between land herein described and land now or formerly of S. Dee as recorded in Deed Book Volume 2473, page 594; thence along said dividing line, South 16 degrees 00 minute East, a distance of 42.42 feet to a point on the dividing line between land herein described and land now or formerly of Ellsworth Brown as recorded in Deed Book Volume 2311, page 29, thence along said dividing line, South 74 degrees 01 minute 09 seconds West, a distance of 96.78 feet to a point on the northeasterly side of North Central Avenue, thence along said dividing line, North 33 degrees 40 minutes West, a distance of 42.42 feet to the point at the place of beginning

This description written from a survey dated April 1998 prepared for Carl J. Jr., & Susan B. Henningson drawn by Ward Dran, Registered Surveyor No. 13795-E

Identified as lot and block/parcel ID #110-026-00-00-0012-00 & 110-026-00-00-0012-01 in the Deed Registry Office of Washington County Pennsylvania.

Subject to and together with any and all oil and gas leases, the sale of coal and mining rights and all rights relating thereto, building lines, rights of way, zoning regulations, building restrictions, reservations, restrictive covenants, easements, rights and obligations, encroachments, association fees and/or dues, if any, etc., as the same may be contained in prior instruments of record, set forth in the recorded plan and/or as shown on a survey of the property

Being the same premises which Bruce A. Mitchell and Lenore Mitchell, husband and wife, by David L. Mitchell, Jr., Attorney-in-fact, Pursuant to a Power of Attorney for Bruce A. Mitchell as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Washington County in Deeds of Washington County in Deed Book Volume 3308, page 601 and pursuant to a Power of Attorney from Lenore C. Mitchell as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Washington County in Deed Book Volume 3307, page 604 by Deed dated April 6, 1998 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Washington County in Deed Book Volume 3320, page 22, granted and conveyed unto Carl J. Henningson, Jr. and Susan B. Henningson, husband and wife

Source of Title: 200318857, 200318857 (Recorded: 05/08/2003)

Premises: 266 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE CANONSBURG, PA 15317

TAX PARCEL: #110-026-00-00-0012-00 and 110-026-00-00-0012-01

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SPECIAL NOTICE ON REAL ESTATE SALES SHERIFF'S RULE

Tax collectors, attorneys and solicitor's who file tax statements, liened taxes and municipal liens against property being sold at Sheriff's Sale Hereafter, no statements can be withdrawn or adjustments made after the property has been bid in at a certain price, therefore statements must be correct at the time of filing. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE

SHERIFF SALES

Abstracts of properties taken in execution upon the writs shown, at the number and term shown, as the properties of the severally named defendants, owners or reputed owners, and to be sold by SAMUEL L. ROMANO, Sheriff of Washington County, Pennsylvania on FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in Public Meeting Room 104, Courthouse Square Building, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, Pennsylvania Ten (10%) percent of the purchase money (but not less than Sheriff's costs), shall be paid on the day of the sale and the balance on or before WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008 at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

If, however, such ten (10%) percent down payment not be made on the day of the sale, the property will again be exposed to sale immediately, on the date aforesaid If balance of payment not be made on Wednesday following the date of sale, the property will again be put up for sale on FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008 10:00 o'clock A.M. at the expense and risk of the person whom it was struck off, who in case of any deficiency on such sale, shall make good the same.

(COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES ARE ON FILE IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT COURTHOUSE SQUARE, 100 WEST BEAU STREET, ROOM #303, WASHINGTON, PA.)

Notice is hereby given that a schedule of distribution will be filed by the Sheriff not later than thirty (30) days from the date of the sale and that distribution will be made in accordance with the schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter. No further notice of the schedule of distribution will be given.

Claims against property must be filed before above sale date.
Claims to proceed must be made before distribution.
Schedule of distribution will be filed in this office no later than thirty (30) days from sale date.
Exceptions to distribution must be filed no later than ten (10) days from the date when schedule of distribution is filed in this office.
There will be no further notice of the filing of the schedule of distribution.

Samuel F. Romano
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-971 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

Household Finance Consumer Discount Company,

Plaintiff

Vs

Anthony T. Saleva
Heather Reney Saleva,
Mortgagor
James Saleva,
Mortgagor,

Defendants

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2007-971, Household Finance Consumer Discount Company v. Anthony T. Saleva, Heather Reney Saleva, Mortgagor, and James Saleva, Mortgagor, owners of property situate in the Township of Cecil, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being 78 Beech Street, Muse, PA 15350

Assessment Map No.: 140-009-02-08-0037-00

Assessed Value Figure: $2,722.00

Judgment Amount: $49,203.72

Improvements Thereon: Residential Property

Samuel F. Romano,
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2/7,14,21

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SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7991 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

NORTHWEST SAVINGS BANK, successor-in-interest to PRESTIGE BANK
Plaintiff

Vs

JERRY D. LOGAN
Defendant

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed at No. 2007-7991, Northwest Savings Bank vs Jerry D. Logan, owner of property situate in Union Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being 207 Stonebridge Drive, Finleyville, Pennsylvania

150'x65'x150'x65' (Dimensions of parcel, square footage and/or acreage)

Assessment Map Number: 640-010-10-00-0013-00

Assessed Value Figure: $21,992.00

Improvements Thereon: Residence

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

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SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2007-8042, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas formerly known as Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian for IXIS 2005-HE3 by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc. f/k/a Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc. as its attorney-in-fact vs. Keith A. Fowler and Melissa M. Fowler, owners of property situate in the Township of S. Strabane, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being 48 Scout Drive, Washington, PA 15301.

Judgment Amount: $212,173.44

Improvements Thereon: Residential Property

Assessment Map No.: 600-007-14-00-0024-00

Assessed Value Figure: $32,518.00

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7007 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. F/K/A AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER,

Plaintiff

Vs

Unknown Heirs of Frank Lesneski, Jr., Deceased
TIMOTHY LESNESKI
Solely in his Capacity as Heir to Frank Lesneski Jr., Deceased
FRANK LESNESKI, III
Solely in his Capacity as Heir to Frank Lesneski Jr., Deceased,

Defendants

ALL that certain lot or tract of land situate in Cecil Township Washington County, Pennsylvania being more fully described as follows

BEGINNING at a point in the center line of the public road leading from McDonald to Venica, said point being at the Northwest corner of land herein conveyed, as recorded in Deed of Etta Robson, Executrix of this Estate of Sarah R. Jenkins, Deceased to David Lesneski et ux in Deed Book 2128, page 374, in said County; thence from said point of beginning by line dividing lot herein conveyed and land now or formerly of Fred McGrew South 79 degrees 28 minutes East, a distance of 279.50 feet to an old 2 feet pipe, thence from said pipe by line dividing other land now or formerly of Fred McGrew, South 2 degrees 32 minutes East, a distance of 70 feet to a point; thence from said point, the following three courses and distances, South 80 degrees 08 minutes West, 78.95 feet, South 63 degrees 53 minutes West, 157.0 feet, North 79 degrees 35 minutes West, 71.42 feet to a point in the center of said public road from McDonald to Venice, thence by the center line of said road in a Northerly direction by a curve of a circle to the left having a radius of 400 feet, an arc distance of 77.08 feet to a point, thence from said point by center line of said road, North 1 degrees 18 minutes East, a distance of 114.20 feet to a point, the place of beginning

Containing 0.884 acres according to a survey of Paul R. Couderc, P.L.S. No. 5287E, dated February, 1984, being Lot NO. 1 in the Lesneski Plan of Lots

Tax Parcel# 140-001-00-00-0038-00

Property Address: 239 Nine Eighty Road, McDonald, PA 15057

Samuel F. Romano,
Sheriff
2/7,14,21

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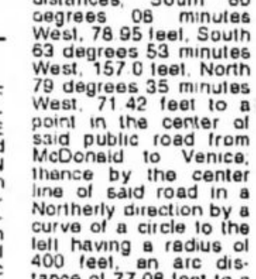
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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8441 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE
Plaintiff

Vs.

BARBARA J. SEIBERT
Defendant

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot of ground situate in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being known and designated as Lot No. 20 in a plan of lots laid out by Rebecca R. Streator, Frank W. Streator and Jonathan M. Streator and known as the "Streator Place" said plan of lots being recorded in the Recorder's Office for said Washington County in Plan Book J, Page 17. Said lot of ground is bounded and described as follows:

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Clean that garage.

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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-1852 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

The CIT Group/ Consumer Finance, Inc.,
Plaintiff

Vs

Nancy L. Clipper,
Defendant

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2007-1552, The CIT Group/Consumer Finance Inc. v. Nancy L. Clipper, owner of property situate in the Borough of Centerville, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being 504 Low Hill Road (Centerville Borough), Brownsville, PA 15417.

Assessment Map No.: 156-037-00-02-0004.00 and 156-037-09-99-0002-01

Assessed Value Figure: $14,317.00

Judgment Amount: $101,635.10

Improvements Thereon: Residential Property

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8374 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

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MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ET AL
Plaintiff

Vs

KERRY H. BURTON
Defendant

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST AND CLAIM OF KERRY H. BURTON OF, IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY

ALL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MONONGAHELA, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HAVING ERECTED THEREON A DWELLING BEING KNOWN AND NUMBERED AS 521 PARK AVENUE, MONONGAHELA, PENNSYLVANIA 15063. INSTRUMENT 200529960 AND PARCEL 420-027-00-00-0002-02

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-5384 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as trustee for FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF14, mortgage pass through certificates series 2006-FF14,

Plaintiff

Vs.

JASON ROE,
Defendant

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF Jason Roe OWNER OR REPUTED OWNER

East Bethlehem Twp. Washington Cty. Cmwlth of PA. HET a dwg k/a 153 Lawrence Ave., FREDERICKTOWN, PA 15333. Parcel #260-001-03-05-0004-00

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8382 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI 2007-WFHE2
Plaintiff

Vs

TIFFANY SPROUTS
Defendant

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot of land situate in Peters Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being known and designated as Lot No. 2 on the Revised H & M Angemeer Plan which plan is of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book 44, page 301

TITLE TO SAID PREMISES IS VESTED IN Tiffany Sprouts, by Deed from Woodrow J. Welsch and Ryan S. Welsch, dated 12/14/2006, recorded 01/16/2007, in Deed Mortgage Inst#200701353

Source of Title: 200701353 (Recorded: 01/16/2007)

Premises: 924 EAST MCMURRAY ROAD, VENETIA, PA 15367

TAX PARCEL #540-002-00-00-0014-00

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2002-211 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

Charter One Credit Corporation,

Plaintiff

Vs

Robert J. Wagner,

Defendant

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2002-211, Charter One Credit Corporation v. Robert J. Wagner, owners of property situate in the Township of Mt. Pleasant, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being 166 Skyline Drive, Hickory, PA 15340.

Assessment Map No.: 460-006-00-00-0020-00

Assessed Value Figure: $13,391.00

Judgment Amount: $99,070.20

Improvements Thereon: Residential Property

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8382 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE
Plaintiff

Vs

LEONARD B. CANCILLA, JR. AND KIMBERLY G. CANCILLA
Defendants

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND SITUATE IN THE SECOND WARD OF THE BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BEING LOT NO. 11, IN A PLAN OF LOTS LAID OUT BY ELIZABETH B. HARPER, ET AL., AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AFORESAID, IN PLAN BOOK VOLUME 5, PAGE 40.

DWELLING KNOWN AS 233 SPRUCE STREET, CANONSBURG, PA 15317

IDENTIFIED as TAX/PARCEL ID #100-011-00-02-0018-00 in the Deed Registry Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-5908 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc.,

Plaintiff

Vs.

Robert A. Peterson,

Defendant

All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Township of Independence, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Being Known as: 66 Brunner Drive, Avella, PA 15312

Tax I.D. #: 370-005-02-02-0007-00

Improvements consist of a Residential Dwelling

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8383 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-14HE, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, TMTS SERIES 2005-14HE, WITHOUT RECOURSE
Plaintiff

Vs

TERRY M. GUMP AND VICKY L. GUMP
Defendants

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PIECE OF GROUND SITUATE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, BEING LOT NO. 38 IN THE WALLACE PLAN OF LOTS NO. 2, AS RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IN PLAN BOOK VOLUME 5, PAGE 177.

DWELLING KNOWN AS 2081 ARLINGTON AVENUE, WASHINGTON, PA 15301

IDENTIFIED as TAX/PARCEL ID #120-009-03-04-0021-00 in the Deed Registry Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

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SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7960 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

MIDFIRST BANK
Plaintiff

Vs

LARRY A. BILBAY AND WILLA L. BILBAY
Defendants

Township of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, having thereon erected a dwelling house known as Box 37, Wabash Street Southview, PA 15361

Tax Parcel: 460-012-02-04-0011-01

PREMISES: 120 SOUTHVIEW ROAD SOUTHVIEW, PA 15361

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8903, issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS BANKER'S TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN FOR IXIS 2007-HE1 BY SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. F/K/A MERITECH MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT
Plaintiff

Vs.

JESSICA DUPAIN
Defendant

BY VIRTUE of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2007-8903, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas formerly known as Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian for IXIS 2007-HE1 by Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc. f/k/a Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc. as its attorney-in-fact vs. Jessica Dupain, owners of property situate in the Township of Peters, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being 909 Bebout Road, Venetia, PA 15367.

Assessment Map No.: 540-007-03-02-0003-00

Assessed Value Figure: $14,946.00

Judgment Amount: $198,713.74

Improvements Thereon: Residential Property

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2006-9374 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE
Plaintiff

Vs

KEITH J. PERRY
ANGELLA C. PERRY
Defendants

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground situate in the Township of North Strabane, County of Washington, Pennsylvania, being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a railroad spike in legislative Route 62034 common to Lots C and D, the said Lot D having been conveyed to William E. Reed, et ux. by Robert E. Reed, et ux., by deed dated September 6, 1978 and recorded in Deed Book 1869, page 151; thence in said Route North 48 degrees 15 minutes West 142.31 feet to the railroad spike; thence by line dividing Lots B and C North 37 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds East 130 feet to a point, thence South 70 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds East 119.72 feet to a point, thence by line dividing Lots C and D, South 28 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds West 179.19 feet to the place of beginning.

BEING designated as Tax Parcel No. 520-012-00-00-0041-04 in the Deed Registry Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania.

UNDER AND SUBJECT to all conditions, covenants and restrictions as of record.

Source of Title: 200100057 (Recorded: 01-02-01)

Premises: 271 LINDEN ROAD, CANONSBURG, PA 15317

TAX PARCEL: #520-012-00-00-0041-04

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

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FRIDAY, FEB. 9, 2008
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In the year ahead, you are likely to be far bolder and enterprising in ways that could increase your income or holdings. It behooves you to channel your drive in a positive and sure direction that is both tried-and-true.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- When you start juggling accounts by robbing Peter to pay Paul, you will create more havoc in your financial affairs than need be. The only sure way to remain solvent is to live within your means.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You are the one who will be setting the example for others to follow, so be sure the mood is one that you'll be proud of. If you are short-tempered, cranky or impatient, you won't like the clones you create.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- If you have to deal with a difficult person, it might be hard to keep your anger in check. But if you are smart, you will smolder in silence instead of responding as your emotions dictate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Financial arrangements with friends could cause undesirable problems, so try not to let money get in the way of friendship. However, if that's not possible and a disagreement arises, suffer in silence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- There can be a fine line between acting aggressively assertive and just plain pushy. If you can't figure out where the boundaries lie, be prepared to meet with strong resistance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Although you might mean well, it is best not to butt into a testy situation that does not directly concern you. You won't be able to settle the other person's mess, and you might even be blamed for it in the end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- What starts out as a trivial disagreement could quickly get blown out of proportion if the other individual is just as strong-willed and inflexible about his or her opinions as you are. Don't go down that road.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- If someone whose support and cooperation is essential to you starts to waver, be as diplomatic about handling the situation as possible. He or she could quickly become an adversary instead of an ally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Be careful to whom you take something you want repaired or serviced, because the wrong person could make matters worse, not better. Take ample time to find a reliable serviceman.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- If you allow yourself to get too emotional about someone who is important to you, you're apt to become a trifle too possessive. Unfortunately, the more control you try to exert, the more likely he or she will rebel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Outsiders should not be allowed into the picture to help resolve a disagreement between you and your mate. If you think things are heated to begin with, wait until they start pouring gasoline on the fire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't allow outsiders to influence you to rush an important task or assignment that needs intricate detailing. Turn a deaf ear, knowing that haste can cause serious errors or complications you don't need.

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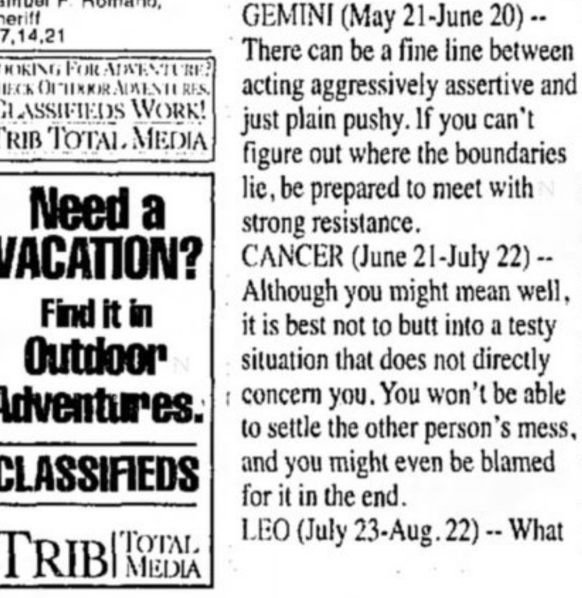

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HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc.,

Plaintiff

Vs.

Judith Soulfrant,

Defendant

All that certain parcel of ground situate in Smith Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania

Being Known as: 34 Baird Street, Slovan, PA 15078

Tax I.D. #: 570-023-02-07-0019-00

Improvements consist of a Residential Dwelling

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DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE TO AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R6 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JUNE 1, 2004, WITHOUT RECOURSE
Plaintiff

Vs.

KIMBERLY A. RIALTI
LOUIS J. RIALTI
Defendants

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground situate in the Borough of Charleroi, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being Lot No. 54 in the McGowan, Allen and Calvin Addition to said Borough of Charleroi, recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County in Plan Book Volume 1, Page 21 and being bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point of intersection of the Easterly side of Shady Avenue with the Northerly side of Gar Street; thence along Gar Street, North 70 degrees 20 minutes East, a distance of 119.66 feet to the Westerly side of Upper Meadow Avenue, formerly McGowan Alley, thence along Upper Meadow Avenue, North 19 degrees 40 minutes West, a distance of 39.90 feet to a point; thence along the line dividing Lot No. 54 and Lot No. 55 in said plan, South 70 degrees 20 minutes West, a distance of 119.66 feet to a point on the Easterly line of Shady Avenue, thence along Shady Avenue, South 19 degrees 40 minutes East, a distance of 39.90 feet to a point at the place of beginning. DB 2530 Page 602.

PARCEL:
160-007-00-02-0016-00

PREMISES: 1013 Upper Meadow Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022

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PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff

Vs.

MARIE L. MEEKS and MICHAEL O. MEEKS
Defendants

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST AND CLAIMS OF MARIE L. MEEKS AND MICHAEL O. MEEKS OF, IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FRANKLIN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AT INSTRUMENT NO. 200347648.

HAVING ERECTED THEREON A DWELLING KNOWN AS 1325 MOUNTS ROAD, WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA 15301.

TAX PARCEL I.D. NO. 510-001-00-00-0007-00

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2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8370 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2004-DO2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-DO2
Plaintiff

Vs.

DALE E. CHURBY a/k/a DALE B. CHURBY a/k/a DALE CHURBY
JANICE S. SMILEY
Defendants

All that certain lot of ground situate in North Franklin Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe in a line common to the lot herein conveyed and the Northerly line of a five foot strip conveyed by Fred Carlo, et ux., also to John and Grace J. Burke; thence along said line, South 58 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West 108 feet to an iron pipe; thence along other land of Fred Carlo, et. ux., et al, North 17 degrees 16 minutes 01 seconds West 192 feet to an iron pipe in the Southerly side of a thirty foot street; thence along said street, in an Easterly direction, South 77 degrees 00 minutes 33 seconds East 184.40 feet to an iron pipe, thence along a line parallel with the Westerly side of McElree Road, South 19 degrees 43 minutes 57 seconds West 90.73 feet to an iron pipe, the place of beginning.

TAX PARCEL:
#510-003-05-00-0032-00

PROPERTY ADDRESS:
5 MCELREE ROAD
WASHINGTON, PA 15301

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By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2005-3559 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

Washington School District,

Plaintiff

Vs.

Petill And Associates,

Defendants

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground situated in the City of Washington, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Being known as 96-98 N. Main & E. Chestnut Washington, Pennsylvania 15301. Tax Parcel No. 730-001-00-01-0004-00 in Deed Book No. 2764 Page 303 No. in the Office for the Recording of Deeds, Washington County, PA.

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8373 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-HE3
Plaintiff

Vs.

KENNETH D. GEHRINGER
Defendant

ALL that certain lot of ground situate in the Borough of Houston, Washington County, Pennsylvania, which is known and designated as Lot No. 2 in the Archibald H. Allison Plan of Lots as amended and of record in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book No. 3, Page 29, more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING at point common to the southerly boundary line of Lot No. 1 in said plan, now or formerly owned by Wade Wolfe, the northerly boundary line of Cherry Avenue, and the lot herein described; thence in a northwesterly direction along Cherry Avenue for a distance of 45 feet to Lot No. 3 in said plan; thence in a northeasterly direction 150 feet to a ten foot alley; thence along said alley in a southeasterly direction 45 feet to Lot No. 1 aforesaid; thence in a southwesterly direction 150 feet to Cherry Avenue, aforesaid, the place of beginning.

COMMONLY known as Parcel No. 360-010-00-03-0027-00

BEING the same premises which Robert K. McIlvaine and Cheryl K. McIlvaine, husband and wife, by deed dated June 23, 2004 and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County at Instrument No. 200420812, granted and conveyed unto Marcelo G. Guidi and Karina Z. Guidi, his wife, the Grantors herein.

Source of Title
29, 8, 200602827
(Recorded: 01/31/2006)

PREMISES:
108 CHERRY AVENUE
HOUSTON, PA 15342

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2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8248 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006-HE5
Plaintiff

Vs.

LINA AL-MINAIZEL
BASEM E. AL-MNAIZEL
Defendants

ALL THAT CERTAIN Unit designated as Unit 403, being a Unit in the Hidden Valley Manor Planned Community, a Planned Community situate in Peters Township, Washington County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which Unit is the same as designated in the Declaration of Planned Community of Hidden Valley Manor Planned Community recorded in the Office of the Recorder for the County of Washington, Instrument Number 200033084, as amended by First Amendment to said Declaration recorded at Instrument Number 200210794, as amended by Second Amendment to said Declaration recorded at Instrument No. 200238162, as amended by Third Amendment to said Declaration recorded at Instrument Number 200314272 (together the 'Declaration') having as part thereof Plat and Plan recorded in Plan Book Volume 43, page 429, as amended by First Amendment to Plat and Plan recorded in Plan Book Volume 43, page 873, as amended by Second Amendment to Plat and Plan recorded in Plan Book Volume 44, page 171, as amended by Third Amendment to Plat and Plan recorded in Plan Book Volume 44, page 328 (together the 'Plat and Plan').

Said Unit is the same as Lot No. 403 in the Hidden Valley Manor - Phase 4 Plan of Subdivision recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, in Plan Book Volume 44, pages 228, 229 and 230.

Source of Title:
200352834
(Recorded: 12/22/2003)

Premises: 306 BUFFALO RIDGE ROAD, CANONSBURG, PA 15317

TAX PARCEL:
#540-009-07-00-0077-00

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DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R4 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2004, WITHOUT RECOURSE
Plaintiff

Vs.

WILLIAM J. ERDNER III
Defendant

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT or piece of ground situate in the Township of Nottingham, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being known and numbered as Lot No. 9 in the Field Estates Plan of Lots, as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book Volume 13, Page 44.

Inst #200246295

PARCEL:
530-008-02-00-0003-00

PREMISES: 630 Sugar Run Rd., Eighty Four, PA 15330

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2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8354 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
Plaintiff

Vs.

GLENN P. KASMARIK
AUDREY D. KASMARIK
Defendants

ALL THAT CERTAIN parcel of ground situate in the Borough of Canonsburg, Washington County, Pennsylvania, known and designated as Lot #44 in the Apple Hill Plan of Lots No. 2, as recorded in the Washington County Recorder of Deeds Office in Plan Book Volume 43 Page 495.

UNDER AND SUBJECT to exceptions, reservations, conditions, covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way, etc., as contained in the record of chain of title, or as may be visible, or in place on the premises, or as shown on the recorded plan. 095-001-11-00-0008-00

BEING PART of the same property which Metz Contracting, Inc., by deed dated April 6, 2001 and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania at Instrument No. 200109730, granted and conveyed unto Maronda Homes, Inc., the Grantor herein.

Source of Title:
200244442,
200244443
(Recorded: 12/11/2002)

Premises:
243 Hooks Lane
Canonsburg, PA 15317

TAX PARCEL:
#095-001-11-00-0007-00

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SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7552 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R4, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2004, WITHOUT RECOURSE,

Plaintiff

Vs.

NOEL D. SAWYER
MELVA S. SAWYER,

Defendants

All those two certain parcels of land both of which are situate in the First Ward of the City of Monongahela, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and separately bounded and described as follows:

(1) Lots No. 9 and 10 in a Plan of Lots in the First Ward of the said City of Monongahela as laid out by H.A. Wame, which Plan is of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of said Washington County, in Plan Book No. 2, Page 40, and which said two Lots No. 9 and 10 together front a distance of 90 feet on Hillard Avenue and extend back Southwardly therefrom preserving a uniform width of 90 feet throughout, a distance of 150 feet, and being bounded on the North by Hillard Avenue, on the East by lands formerly of Charleroi Fuel Company, on the South by land formerly of H.A. Warne; and on the West by the Williams Addition to the Monongahela City Plan of Lots.

(2) Lot No. 1 in a Plan of Lots in the First Ward of said City of Monongahela is laid out by F.R. Colvin, which Plan is of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds Office of said Washington County in Plan Book No. 5, Page 171, and which said Lot No. 1 fronts a distance of 65.95 feet on the Southern side of Hillard Avenue and extends back therefrom along the line of Lot No. 2 in said Plan on the West; and by a line running South 19 degrees 29 minutes 10 seconds West on the East, a distance of 100 feet, more or less, to an alley, and upon which said alley said lot abuts, a distance of 72.50 feet.

PREMISES: 512 Hiland Avenue, Monongahela, PA 15063

Parcel I.D.# 420-016-00-00-0014-00

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NATIONAL CITY BANK, successor by merger to NATIONAL CITY BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Plaintiff

Vs.

JULIE M. SEARLE,

Defendant

All the right, title, interest and claim of Julie M. Searle in, and to the following described real property:

All that certain piece of ground situate in the Borough of Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania, having erected thereon a three story brick apartment building and a two story brick house known and numbered as 728 Fallowfield Avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania 15022, Instrument Number 200113316, Tax Parcel No. 160-012-00-06-0033-00

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff
2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7712 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on MARCH 7, 2008

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2002, MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER CAPITAL 1 INC TRUST 2002-NC1.

Plaintiff

Vs.

KATHLEEN LAWSON A/K/A KATHLEEN A. LAWSON
WILLIAM LAWSON A/K/A WILLIAM E. LAWSON,

Defendants

All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Township of Cecil, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being Lot No. 4 in the Fischer Plan of Lots, Section 1, as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in PBV 10, page 25.

Source of Title: 200139314 (Recorded: 12/13/2001)

Premises: 10 GOMBER DRIVE, MCDONALD, PA 15057

TAX PARCEL: # 140-006-07-03-0018-00

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WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK,

Plaintiff

Vs.

KAREN K. SISCO,

Defendant

That tract of land in Mt. Pleasant Twp., Washington Co., PA, fronting on Twp. Road leading to Hickory.

PARCEL I.D. 460-004-00-00-0013-03

HAVING ERECTED THEREON a one-story detached single family dwelling

KNOWN AS 267 Washington Avenue, Hickory, PA 15340

FOR further description see MBV 3337, P. 155.

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2/7,14,21

SHERIFF SALE

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WACHOVIA BANK OF DELAWARE, N.A., F/K/A FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK OF DELAWARE,

Plaintiff

Vs.

DAVID G. GHILANI
RENEE L. GHILANI,

Defendants

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF DAVID G. GHILANI and RENEE L. GHILANI, OWNERS OR REPUTED OWNERS.

ATC lot or piece of ground sit. in the Twp. of Peters, Co., of Washington, PA, being specifically described as Lot No. 402 in the Willamar Plan 4, Phase 4, Plan of Lots, as the same is recorded in the Recorder of Deeds Office, Co., of Washington, PA, on the 15th day of May, 1999, in PBV 49, Pages 52-54.

BEING known as 204 FOX CREEK ROAD, VENETIA, PA 15367

Tax Parcel No. 540-005-26-00-0002-00

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2/7,14,21

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WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA,

Plaintiff

Vs.

THELMA BROWN,

Defendant

All that parcel of land in Borough of Centerville, Washington County, State of Pennsylvania, as more fully described in Deed Inst# 200221043, ID# 154-006-00-00-0039-00, being known and designated as all that certain Lot or Parcel of Land situate in the Borough of Centerville, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being Lot Number 200 in the Plan of Lots known as Richeyville Plan of Lots, laid out by Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, and of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book Volume 7, Page 366 Under and subject to all exceptions, reservations, easements, conditions, etc., as contained in prior Instruments in the Chain of Title.

Deed from Thomas S. Bular and Nancy L. Buler, husband and wife as set forth in Deed Inst# 200221043 dated 05/31/2002 and Recorded 06/07/2002, Washington County Records, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Premises: 447 SPRING ST., RICHEYVILLE, PA 15358

Tax Parcel I.D.: 154-006-00-00-0039-00

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COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS INC.,

Plaintiff

Vs.

DEBORAH A. POJETA
JOHN M. POJETA,

Defendants

ALL THAT certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Township of North Strabane, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being known as Lot No. 278 in the Meadowbrook Phase 2C, as recorded in the Recorder's office of Washington County, Pennsylvania in Plan Book Volume 35, page 47.

PREMISES: 4 Mcbride Road, Canonsburg, PA 15317

Being designated as Tax Parcel I.D. No. 520-011-04-02-0076-00 in the Deed Registry office of Washington County, Pennsylvania.

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7048B	2005 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	$7,775
7412A	2005 DODGE STRATUS	$9,155
7369A	2005 PONTIAC GRAND AM	$7,775
7417A	2005 PT CRUISER LIMITED	$6,990
7411A	2005 DODGE RAM QUAD 4X4	$15,990
7426A	2005 FORD FOCUS 26K Miles	$9,995
B027A	2005 DODGE NEON SXT	$5,895
7317A	2004 GRAND CHEROKEE Leather, Roof	$11,985
7293B	2004 DODGE DAKOTA 4X2 SXT Auto, Air	$6,999
7248A	2004 DODGE DURANGO 4X4	$9,625
B049A	2004 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS	$8,850
7418A	2004 DODGE STRATUS COUPE	$7,450
7418A	2004 DODGE RAM SLT 4X4 Toys	$13,550
7288A2	2004 CHEVROLET SILVERADO LS 4X4 Extended Cab	$14,775
B073A	2002 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 4X4 Z71 PKG. CREW CAB	$12,440
7417B	2001 P.T. CRUISER 36K Mi., Sunroof & More	$6,990
7428A	1997 BUICK LeSABRE Like New	$3,2.50
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6030/TRUCKS

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#8724, 4X4 2500, 3/4 Ton, White, 6.0 V-8, Auto, Air, Locking Rear Differential, Cruise Control, Brake Controller & More
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2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO REG. CAB 8' BED
#8744, 2 W.D. 1500, White, 4.3 V-6, Auto, Air, Locking Rear Differential
WAS $19,725 NOW $17,582

2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO REG. CAB 8' BED
#8734, 4x4 1500, White, 4.3 V-8, Auto, Air, Locking Rear Differential
WAS $22,780 NOW $20,523

2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO Z71 EXT. CAB 6' BED
#8728, Desert Brown Metallic, 4x4 1500, Loaded, 5.3 V-8, Auto
WAS $32,475 NOW $28,372

2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO REG. CAB 8' BED
#8718, 4x4 1500 White, 4.3 V6, Auto, Air, Locking Rear Differential & More
WAS $22,675 NOW $20,421

2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO EXT. CAB Z71
#8719, 4X4 1500, Deep Ruby Metallic, 5.3 V-8, Auto, Air, Remote Start, Full Power
WAS $32,370 NOW $26,274

2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO EXT. CAB Z7L 6' BED
#8730, Blue Metallic, 4x4 1500, Full Power
WAS $32,475 NOW $28,372

2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO EXT. CAB 8' BED
#8738, 4x4 2500, 3/4 Ton, White 6.0 V-8, Auto, Air, Locking Rear Differential, Cruise Control, HD Trailering Equipment
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2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO CREW CAB 4 DOOR
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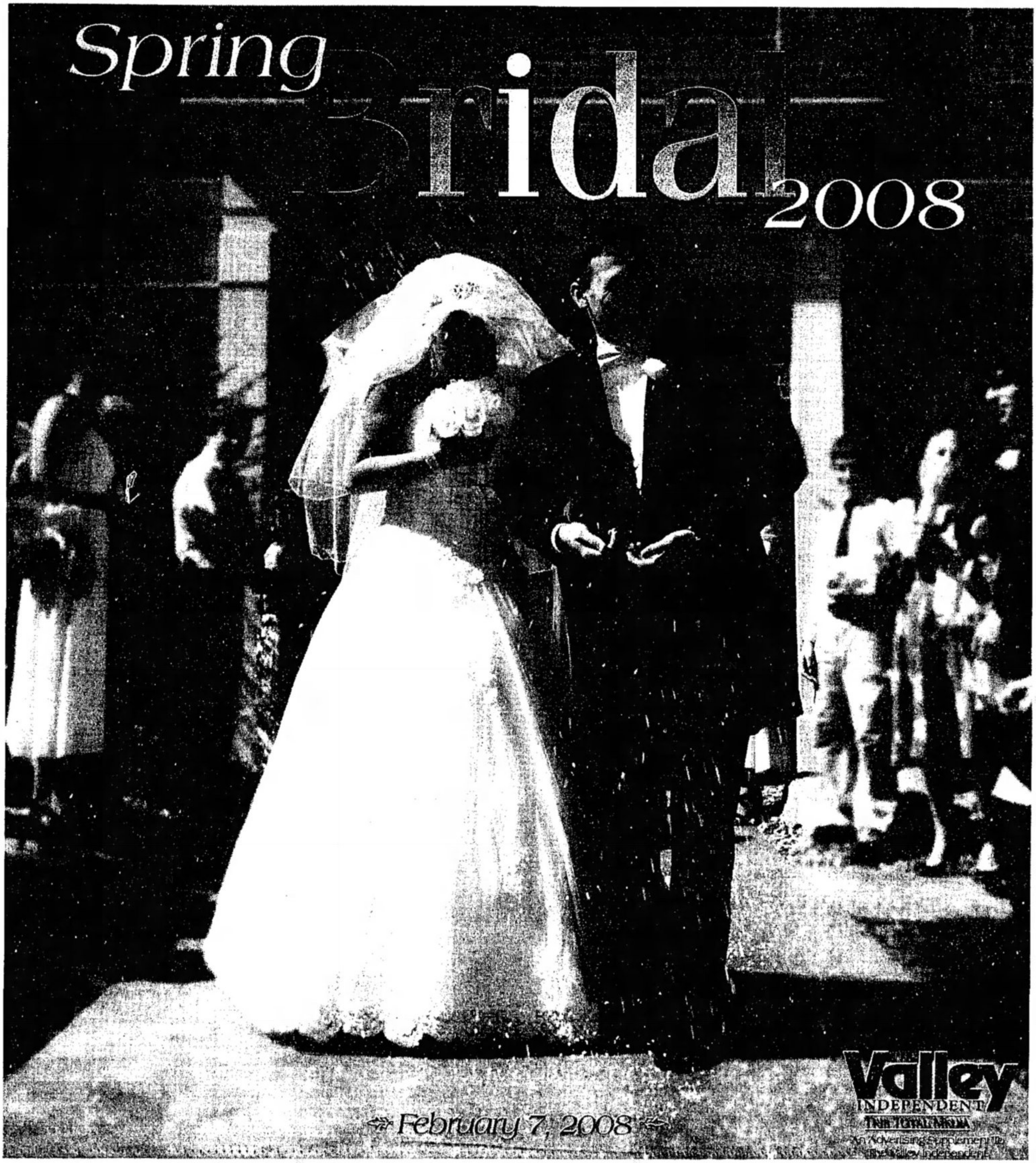

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Make your wedding unique without breaking the bank

Planning, not spending, is key to a special day.

(ARA) – With a twinkle in her eye and sparkle on her finger, it's no wonder the bride-to-be has a contagious glow. For the bevy of brides who got engaged during the holiday season, it's time to begin the exciting, yet sometimes hectic task of planning their special day.

To better understand the preferences and attitudes of today's brides and offer the most relevant wedding planning advice, the second annual "What's on Bride's Minds?" survey was conducted by Leflein Associates, Inc. for David's Bridal, the nation's leading bridal authority. Following are some up-to-the-minute planning tips to help each woman achieve her own wedding unique style, without breaking the bank:

Keep an Eye on the Bottom Line

First and foremost, establish a budget. Determine which aspects of the wedding are most important, and scale back on items that are not a top priority. Almost two-thirds of survey respondents said that the wedding dresses they found were too expensive. To keep finances in check without sacrificing quality or style, shop at a store that offers a wide selection of designer looks and matches your budget.

Online Oasis

The Internet is a wonderful planning tool and a great time-saver, so it's no surprise that 53 percent of brides-to-be ranked wedding Web sites as a top resource for useful wedding planning advice, tips and ideas. Today's brides shop for a variety of wedding products online; invitations were cited as the most popular item, followed by favors, bridal accessories and jewelry and bridal gowns. Among the top Web sites catering to brides, is davidsbridal.com, which offers more than 4,000 unique wedding related items and services. Check out the new db Online Collections featuring stylish bridal and bridesmaid dresses to suit any size, budget and timeline. Or, use the unique Dress Your Wedding tool to create your own virtual wedding party online.

Consult the Experts

When searching for that dream dress, take advantage of bridal consultants' advice, as they provide great insight into the gowns' quality, fit and construction. In fact, more than four out of five brides agreed that their consultant positively affected their shopping experience. In addition to these gown gurus, it's a good idea to bring along a trusted friend or family member to provide honest feedback.

Time is On Your Side

Sixty-three percent of recently engaged women give themselves less than six months before their wedding to purchase their gown, while 38 percent wait until the final three months. If you are planning on getting married under a tight timetable, visit a bridal shop where you can try on the dress in your own size and take it home that day.

Obliging Bridesmaids

Searching for the perfect bridesmaid dress? The top issue brides found with dressing their bridal party was agreeing on one style to fit all different body types. Coordination remains in vogue, with almost three-quarters of respondents wanting their bridal party to wear the same color or color scheme, and thirty-four percent planning to have their bridesmaids wear the same dress in the same color. It's a good idea to select a national retailer that carries a large assortment of bridesmaid styles, in a wide range of sizes and colors, for ease of shopping and to ensure everyone looks and feels their best.

Customization is Key

If you're looking for ways to personalize your look without paying a hefty custom price tag, you're not alone. Over 60 percent of brides said they would like to customize their gown to reflect their personality, but 40 percent felt it would be difficult to do so without costing a fortune. To solve this all-too-common dilemma, look for cost-effective solutions for personalizing your wedding dress. Try adding optional sleeves, a colorful sash that matches your wedding color scheme or a sparkling brooch. Don't forget to ask your consultant about coordinating accessories, such as tiaras, veils, handbags, shoes and jewelry; you can never go wrong by selecting pieces that complement your dress and personal style.

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A survey of brides offers valuable tips for planning a wedding without spending wildly.

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Get the hairdo you really want

Become familiar with the tips and products of professional stylists.

(MS) — We've all heard the hair horror stories. Trusting bride submits to highly-recommended hairstylist, only to leave the salon on her wedding day with a hairdo that resembles a basket of brioche. Or, the glamorous updo that looked so photo-worthy indoors promptly flops in the middle of the seaside ceremony.

How can you make sure that your hair is as dreamy as your dress, bouquet and bling-bling ring on the big day? "It takes a village," laughs Damien Carney, international artistic director for JOICO. "But with some forethought and collaboration with your hairdresser, it's possible to have the hairstyle you love on your wedding day."

Plan Ahead

As soon as you have the guy, the ring, the date and the place, dial your hairdresser. Book an appointment and set up a two-, three- or six-month schedule for your cuts, your hair color, a practice session and the actual wedding day. "You'll want regular trims, even if you're growing your hair out," notes Carney, "and frequent deep conditioning treatments with a formula like JOICO'S K-PAK Deep-Penetrating Reconstructor so that your strands positively gleam when you walk down the aisle."

Schedule your final hair cut two weeks prior to the wedding, to give your ends time to recover from "snip shock." (If your hair is short, schedule this appointment one week before your wedding.) At that time, stock up on wedding day hair helpers. (Carney's go-to product for many of his glamorous looks is JOICO's Brilliantine Spray Gloss. This weightless shine booster helps control frizz and split ends, and it leaves hair looking glossy and lustrous.)

Book your final hair color application one-to-two weeks prior, so that by aisle-time, your hue will be beautifully blended. (Look for salons that use JOICO's Vero K-PAK color — these high-quality formulas condition and protect and the color is so shiny and vibrant it's found on the sets of "American Idol," "Grey's Anatomy" and many more.)

And don't forget the groom! Pick up a lightweight styleminder like JOICO's new Design Collection Molding Putty while you're at the salon — it offers just the right amount of clean, flexible hold plus shine.

Be Real

Work with your stylist to honestly assess your hair type, facial shape and personal style. While that ornate updo worthy of Marie Antoinette might seem like a good idea at first, if you're more of a natural type, you might want to consider something less structured. Bring lots of photos to the salon to help clarify the communication between you and your stylist.

Also, think about the location of your wedding. If you're gathering on your parents' terrace, plan for the possibility of wind, humidity, even rain. "Be sure to carry the styling formula that your hairdresser recommends," suggests Carney. "A quick spritz of JOICO'S new Design Collection Humidity Blocker Finishing Shield, for example, will lock your style in place and tame frizz without making your hair stiff or sticky."

Get the Picture

It's your big day and you're going to be photographed more than Lindsey Lohan leaving rehab. So when designing your style, it's important to think about how it will look in all those photo opps. "Make sure there is some visual interest to your hair when it's viewed from the front," suggests Carney. "It's a mistake to have all of the detail - the flowers, the hair jewelry, the curls, the extensions - at the back of the head, out of view 90 percent of the time." Your best bet? Use your digital camera or your cell phone to snap pictures from every angle when you're in the salon for your run through.

Rehearse

That's right. You're going to practice walking down the aisle the night before your wedding, and in the same vein, it's wise to do a practice session with your stylist a few days before the ceremony. Bring your veil, and have your hairdresser do the 'do from start to finish. That way, your stylist will have a practice session under her belt in order to perfect her work, and you'll have a chance to tweak the look, photograph it and "feel it" so that you'll know it's right. The payoff? There will be no surprises when you're trying to get to the church on time.

Relax!

Try to maintain your perspective on what's really important — your fiancé, your family, your friends, and your future. "Remember, in the years to come, your happiest memories will center on your proud dad as he walked you down the aisle, your groom's happy smile and the love of your guests," notes Carney.

So plan ahead and do prepare as much as possible in advance. But once the big day arrives, let go and enjoy your wedding. That's the secret to looking truly beautiful!

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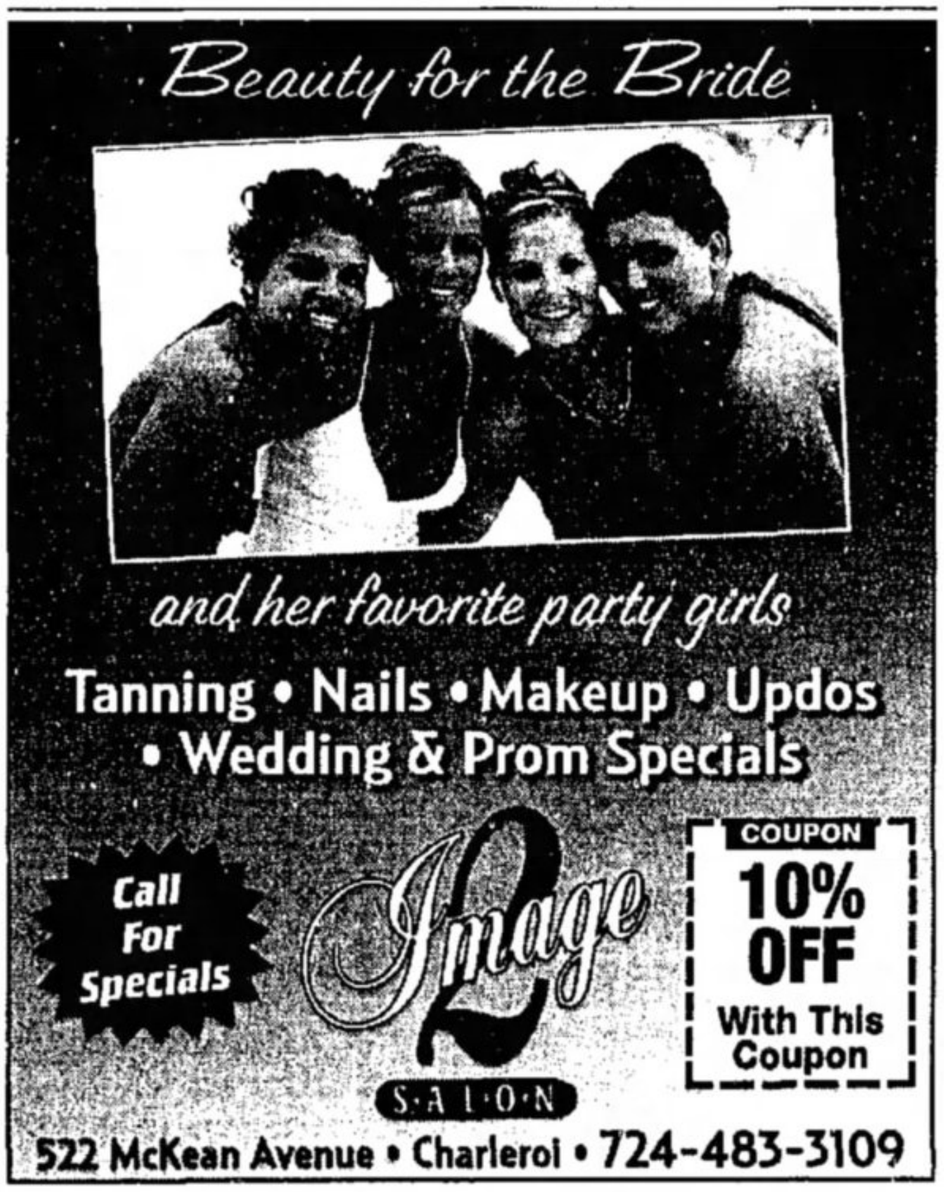
Learn the tips and products professional stylists use to create carefree wedding hairdos.



MV Country Club caters receptions

Conveniently located, Mon Valley Country Club offers a beautiful country club atmosphere at affordable prices and is now available to the public for catered affairs.

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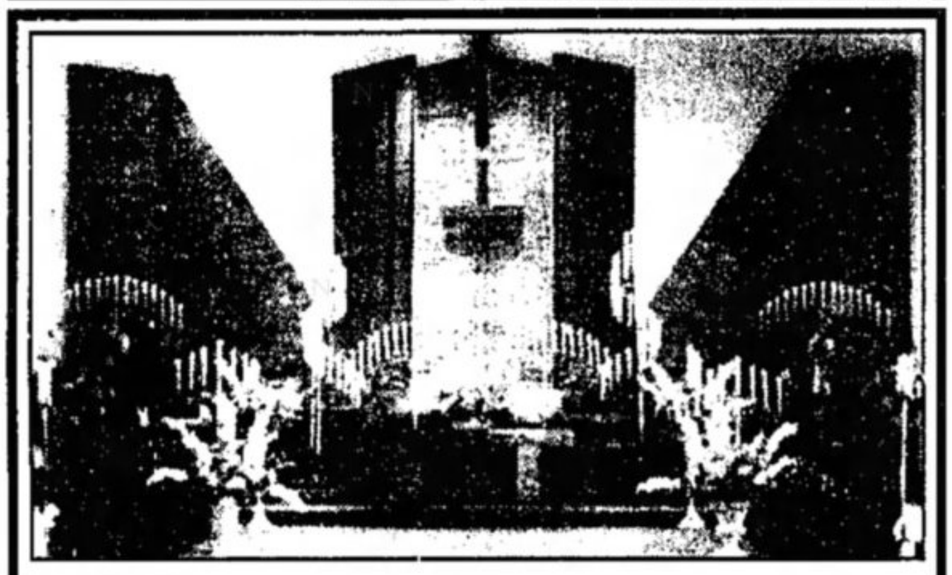

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Every customer who walks into the store on Route 88 in Dunlevy is greeted with a smile.

"Our goal is to provide every customer with exceptional service," said Jerry Jr. "We guarantee the best selection at the right price."

In fact, Highway offers a host of guarantees to make certain customers get what they want, assured of price and service.

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Consumer Reports Magazine recently declared that when it comes to buying appliances, "big stores aren't necessarily the best."

The people agree. A recent local survey found Highway was ranked almost three times more likely as the next place to buy "your next appliance" as Sears or Lowe's.

No other major appliance and electronics dealer in the Mon Valley can say or do what Highway Appliance can do for you.

Highway Appliance has been repeatedly voted "Valley Favorite by the residents of the Mon Valley area. This honor is achieved because customers are the first priority at Highway Appliance.

Highway Appliance goes the extra mile to ensure that when you leave their store, you feel that you have received superior service and purchased the best possible merchandise for your home at the best price.

Creative Designs and Expressions

Wedding dreams come true

By LINDA K. EVON
Creative Designs and Expressions

Planning a wedding, like creating a loving relationship, takes time. Often locations need to be selected and reserved a year in advance, as do bands, DJs, caterers, photographers, flowers, decorations and the multitude of other things that make a wedding special.

Couples can easily get overwhelmed by all these details to create the perfect wedding.

Enter the wedding coordinator/decorator.

A lot of couples think that just because they're organized, they can do it all. Being organized is only a part of bringing off a happy, memorable wedding.

Unfortunately, those who plan to do it themselves become stressed out.

A wedding coordinator/decorator can be as hands on or off as you need. She has worked with all the professionals needed for your special day and can often get you discounts that you couldn't have gotten on your own. She can also protect you from hiring people who aren't as professional as they claim to be.

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If the bride-to-be wishes to wear her mother's heirloom gown and finds that it has become yellow, a special process may be successful in restoring its original white shade.

Union Cleaners was established in 1920 by the late Mike Caviris. It is now operated by the third generation of professional dry cleaners. Lou Caviris and Nick Vatakis have received dry cleaning certificates from the International Fabric Care Institute in Silver Spring, Md.

Union Cleaners has seven locations: Monessen, Belle Vernon, Swiss Alpine Village, Hempfield Township, California, Rostraver and Irwin.

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Jerry's menu consists of traditional items, many of which can be picked up for a family dinner with a day's notice. Because family schedules are so busy now, Jerry's has made it economically possible to have a catered dinner or cookout. Jerry's also offers Thanksgiving dinners with the bird and all the trimmings.

Jerry's Catering Service is located on Legion Street in Republic, Pa., where all the cooking is done in a large commercial kitchen. Jerry's will travel anywhere, any time to accommodate catering needs.

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Ducoeur's Furniture back where it began

After 27 years in business, Ducoeur's Furniture is back where it started.

In 1980, Ducoeur's Furniture began in the basement of the Social Security building. At that location, it spent more than 10 years growing from offering only recliners to a full line (service) furniture store.

In 1991, it moved to 506 McKean Avenue. The newest move is to 435 Fallowfield Avenue, right above the basement where it began. In the past, Eisenberg's II and Cooke's Carpet were in this location.

Over the years, the brands have changed along with the furniture industry. Upholstery manufactured by Flexsteel and Lancer is available for your living room or family room. Recliners, sleeper sofas, and occasional chairs are available in addition to the standard living room suit.

If the selection on the floor is not to your liking, Ducoeur's has more than 1,000 fabrics to choose from. Their fabrics are arranged in color coordinated order to help you find that special look. All furniture is top quality, and some carry extended warranties.

To complement your living room, cocktail and end tables from Null, Leick and Leister are available.

For the bedroom, Ducoeur's offers a variety of different manufacturers, including Mobel, Vaughan-Bassett and Carolina Furniture. With hundreds of styles to choose from, there is something to fit everyone's budget. Also available are Wesley Allen beds and bedding from Imperial.

Ducoeur's offers many items to accessorize your room. From curios, desks, and occasional tables to pictures, mirrors and lamps, your room can be completed in style. Artificial plants and floral arrangements are also available.

"Customer service is our specialty and our employees play a huge part," said Tom Ducoeur, owner.

Nancy, Lois and Darlene have combined 40-plus years of furniture sales experience. They are very helpful when you are choosing and coordinating fabrics and styles."

Ducoeur's Furniture accepts Discover, Master Card and Visa credit cards. Financing is also available including 12 months same as cash. Ducoeur's offers free delivery and free removal of old furniture and bedding with the purchase of new items.

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Weddings changed by technology

Hi-tech trends change the planning process.

(ARA) – Technology transforms every aspect of modern life these days, even the biggest day of most people's lives – their wedding day. From wedding planning Web sites to digital photo slideshows presented at receptions and rehearsal dinners, technology is helping couples plan their weddings in ways that are much easier and save more time than ever before.

Technology also helps engage the couple's loved ones in, and preserve their memories of, their special day.

Here are four of the hottest technology trends that are revolutionizing the way Americans plan their weddings.

Planning and Research Goes Online

Brides once turned to monthly or seasonal wedding magazines for advice and ideas. Now, modern brides go online for their wedding planning purposes. Popular sites have made it easy for brides to track the latest trends, look at thousands of gown options, and organize themselves for their big day. Where once a bride might tote around clips torn from magazines, fabric swatches, and contracts in a wedding planning binder, now most of those things are found and stored digitally through a wedding planning Web site.

Projectors for Rehearsal Dinners and Receptions

Every couple wants to make their wedding as personal as possible, and leave guests with the feeling that, "Oh, that was so Todd and Rebecca!" Where once brides and grooms may have decorated a reception or rehearsal dinner with photos of themselves arranged around the room, now a multimedia presentation is all the rage. Video and still images, typically set to music, features the couple throughout their lives, apart and together, and are replacing traditional photo albums and can create an exciting personal touch to any wedding celebration.

Web sites like www.projector123.com rent state-of-the-art high definition projectors for as little as $99 for a weekend.

Couples order a projector online, have it shipped to them or their reception site for next day arrival, and then connect the projector to a device like a laptop to project their photo montage presentation for the enjoyment of their guests.

Personal Wedding Web Sites

Personal wedding Web sites are popping up everywhere; for a small fee, couples design their very own Web site in advance of their wedding day where they post pictures of themselves, detail the specifics of their wedding day, feature bios of the bridal party, reveal their honeymoon destination and provide gift registry information all in one convenient location online.

"Most people have access to the Internet, so you now have the ability to use technology to make your wedding day as special and memorable as possible," says Jay Joyer of Irvine, California, a recent newlywed. "We had a small wedding, but wanted all our friends and family to feel part of our big day so we set up a wedding Web site where our guests could sign our online guestbook, read the story of our proposal, or make hotel reservations through the Accommodations section of our site. Everyone said it made making plans or staying up to date on our wedding so easy."

As most guests now have access to the Internet, a personal wedding Web site is the ultimate convenience for guests to stay in touch with the couple and their latest wedding planning developments.

Online Ordering of Wedding Photos

No more waiting months for wedding albums. Many wedding photographers and videographers now take digital pictures or film and post their proofs online.

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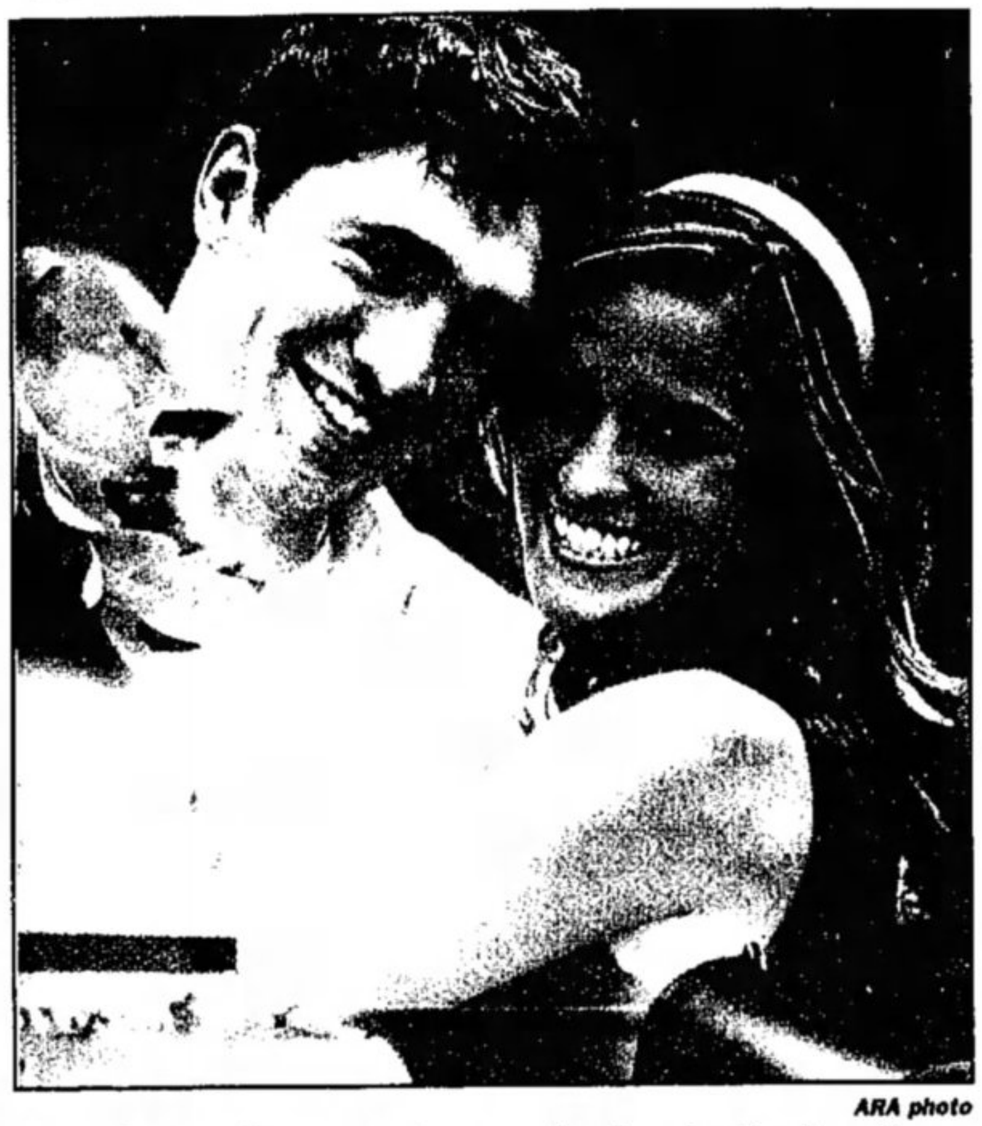

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(ARA) — When it comes to planning a wedding, most couples don't want to settle for cookie-cutter solutions that will make their wedding appear impersonal or even unremarkable. Instead, they want the biggest day of their lives to represent the two of them and no one else.

This yearning for personalization doesn't have to translate into more money. Whether you're planning a formal wedding or a casual event, you can incorporate personalized touches without breaking the bank by renting the materials you will need.

From 250 identical vases, to chandeliers, to helium balloons or faux floral centerpieces, rental businesses provide endless amounts of materials that can make the difference between a run-of-the-mill event and your dream wedding.

"You can rent just about anything to make your wedding perfect," said Christine Wehrman, CEO of the American Rental Association, the global trade association for the rental industry. "By renting products for your wedding, you don't have to settle for items that don't fit your personalized vision. You'll get exactly what you're looking for and you'll have access to products that may have otherwise been too expensive in large quantities."

Make an impression by choosing table linens in your wedding colors, or go with all–white, then add chair covers with a bow-tie sash and matching napkins in accent colors. Rental businesses will have hundreds of colors to pick from. Be sure to ask for sample swatches of the linens so you can coordinate colors with your bridesmaid dresses and flowers. Add your choice of china and glassware to the arrangement for each table and get a rich and sophisticated setting.

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Huge tents and elegant canopies come in wedding white and many also come with clear tops — thus allowing guests access to the drama of a sunset or a sparkling night sky. However, if you plan on incorporating a tent into your wedding, make sure you give the rental business — and yourself — enough advanced notice. Depending on the time of year, the rental business will need plenty of notice to reserve all the equipment you will need.

Also, many ARA member rental businesses offer personalized service through their Certified Event Rental Professionals who are trained to help you choose the right rentals to make your dream wedding come to realization.

They can help ease the tension of pre-wedding set up with their knowledge and experience. Many businesses even help you throughout the event as well, keeping it on track and flowing smoothly.

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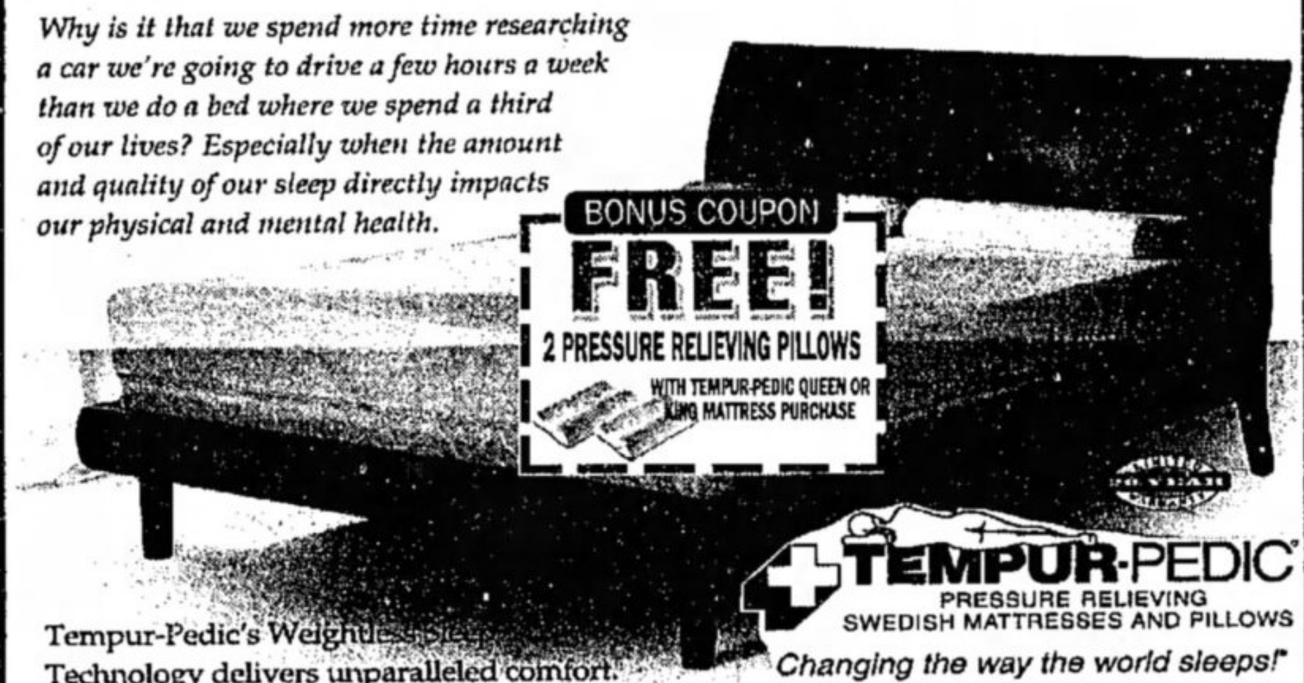

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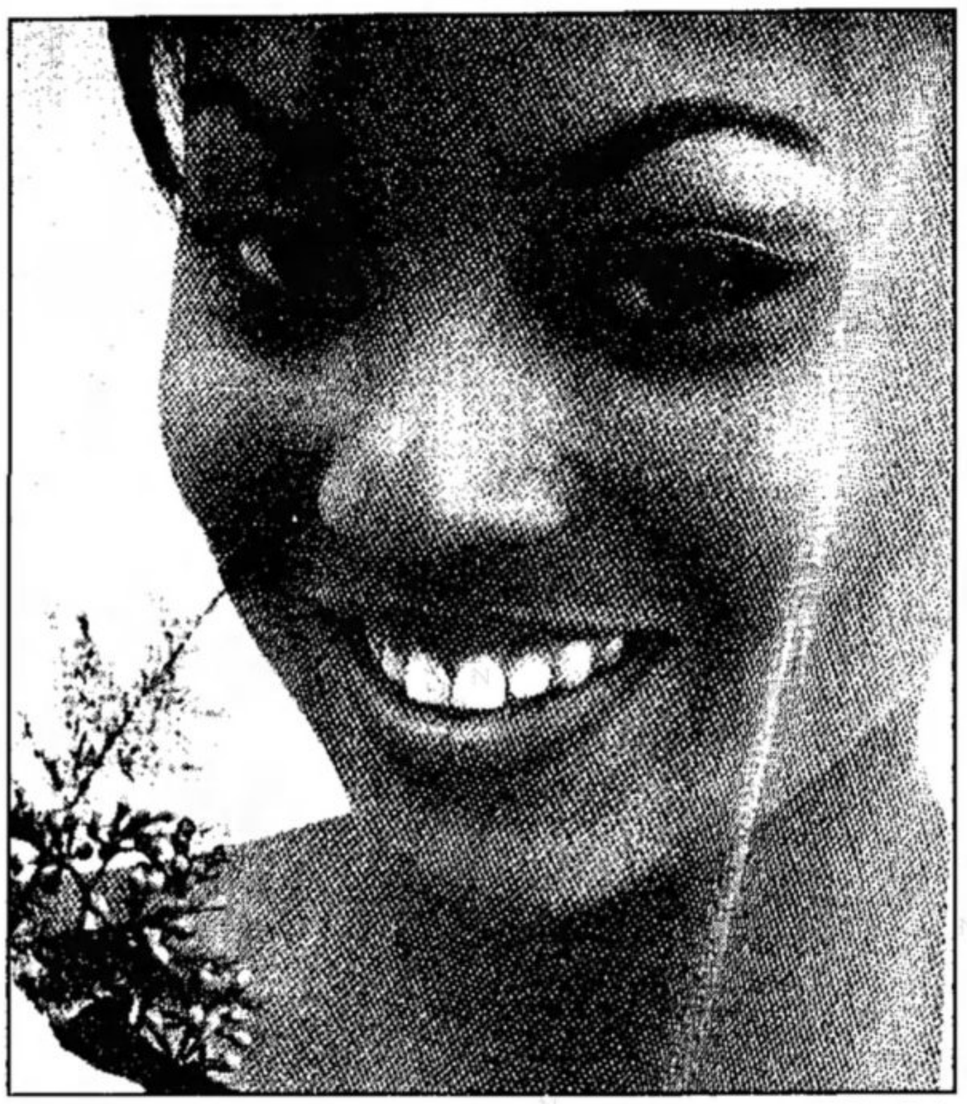

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Simple tips can help brides face their wedding days with beautiful, healthy skin.

Don't spend your entire wedding day hiding behind a veil.

(MS) - You bought the gown, scheduled the hairstylist, and picked out the bridal accessories. But are you forgetting about one of the most important parts of looking beautiful on your wedding day: your face?

Every bride wants to shine on her wedding day, but she probably doesn't want her skin to shine, too. Problems like oily, dry, or irritated skin plague a good portion of the population. But on your wedding day you don't want skin inconveniences to ruin your festivities.

"One of the best ways to put your best face forward is to know your skin type, what causes you to breakout, and to avoid any products or foods that may contribute to the problem - at least until the last wedding photo has been snapped," says Brooke Tilson, a Toronto makeup artist. If you don't know the answers to these questions, you may want to visit a dermatologist a few months before the wedding to talk about your concerns and to get recommendations for proper skin care.

In addition to professional skin advice, here are some other ways to maximize your beauty potential come your wedding day.

Cleansing and Toning

Healthy skin starts with clean skin. Be sure to remove makeup every night and wash your face with a mild cleanser appropriate for your skin type twice daily. Toners can refresh the skin, dry up any extra oil on the surface and clean out pores. Now is not the time to experiment with the latest and greatest products out there. You don't want to risk irritation to your skin before your wedding day.

Be Gentle

When cleansing, drying, or even applying makeup, treat your skin with a soft hand. Blot gently with cotton balls or swabs, and avoid tugging or rubbing the skin. Not only can this cause redness or irritation, it may also contribute to long-term wrinkling.

Not So 'Sun'sational

Many brides-to-be believe that suntanning will cure many of their skin ailments. This isn't the case. While sunbathing may temporarily alleviate acne or breakouts, it could actually compound the problem and make outbreaks worse over time. Other ladies think that tanned skin will make them look better against their white bridal gown. However, on your wedding day you should look like the best version of you, not a complete stranger. Fair-skinned individuals may look out of place with a deep tan. Err on the side of moderate whenever contemplating modifying your skin tone, as it will affect makeup choices and other things as well. And avoid tanning booths or sitting out in the sun. If you must be tan, look for artificial spray tans or bronzers that create natural-looking color.

Makeup

Conservative, natural-looking makeup should also be the rule. The photographs you take on your wedding day will be a testament to the era and moments you shared. But you don't want to look dated when you reminisce years later. Choose muted shades on eyes, lips and cheeks that enhance, rather than cover up your beauty. Select makeup that is smudge- and waterproof so it will stand up to tears of joy and kisses from well-wishers. Pressed or loose powder can also be your best friend. It will come in handy when you have to touch up spots on your face or combat shine.

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Interfaith marriages bring many tough choices

Planning an interfaith wedding is *more difficult than* simply choosing a church for the ceremony.

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Issues for couples go well beyond simply choosing a church.

(MS) — While a person's wedding day is a time for celebration, as any bride and groom know, the day itself and the months leading up to the big event can be stressful.

Such stress is often heightened for couples in which each person is from a different religious background.

Whereas such couples used to be rare, studies continue to show that interfaith marriages are on the rise. In the 2001 American Religious Identification Survey, nearly 25 percent of all couples responding were in interfaith marriages.

Interfaith couples need to do extra work with respect to their wedding day, taking care of certain matters that, for couples of the same faith, needn't be discussed.

For interfaith couples, the following tips should help ease the stress of the big day.

■ Determine what's most important: Despite being raised in a particular faith, many adults either don't regularly attend religious ceremonies or consider themselves as practicing a particular religion. In fact, a 2005 survey titled "Atheism: Contemporary Rates and Patterns," found that 39 percent of Americans considered themselves either agnostics (claiming no belief or disbelief in God) or atheists (claiming disbelief in God).

For interfaith couples about to get married, it's important to truly consider one's beliefs. Bride and groom should examine how meaningful their faith is to them, and what they can live with or without in a wedding ceremony.

■ Attend a service, be it a wedding or weekly service, from each faith: Knowledge is a great mediator when deciding how to conduct an interfaith ceremony.

Learn as much as possible about each other's faith and traditions. Attending a service or ceremony might even open your eyes to an element of your partner's faith that you find appealing and might want to include in the ceremony.

In addition, knowing about a partner's faith will help you better understand their thought process when planning the ceremony.

■ Consider two ceremonies: Sometimes one or both persons decide their faith is very important so that they insist on a traditional ceremony being performed.

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If a wedding is in your future plans, plan your reception at the Valley Inn Social Hall. Call today with your wedding date and plan a visit soon to tour the facility. Bookings may be made far in advance.

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Look 'red carpet' worthy when you walk down the aisle

Designers are adding elegant details to their wedding gowns.

(ARA) — This spring, it will be difficult to tell if a bride is walking down the aisle or making her way down the red carpet. After a year-long love affair with the boxy trapeze dress, designers are emphasizing the waist and adding elegant details.

"This focus on the feminine calls for glamorous bridal jewelry fit for a queen," says Shawn Diddy, Jewelry Television's trend tracker. Here are some of the looks she's expecting to be hot in 2008:

■ Brides will make a "ready for your close-up" impact in an off-the-shoulder dress. The look from the runways calls for minimal accents — a single, "statement" piece of jewelry such as a pair of dangle earrings that sparkle or a thick, signature bracelet. Wear hair up to really show off your shoulders in that gorgeous dress.

■ Pleats, ruffles and tulip tiers abound in light and frothy fabrics. Because of the unusual silhouettes of these trendy dresses, keep hair and jewelry simple. A loose chignon softens your face while a classic pair of diamond stud earrings adds elegance and light to the ensemble.

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>
> Shawn Diddy

■ A white dress and Grandma's pearls is what everyone else is wearing, so why not go with this season's hot pastels? Diaphanous dresses in shades of peach, blush and baby blue are fresh and stylish. Pull your hair back into a soft ponytail to show off sparkling crystal earrings or a necklace in a complementary color.

■ Lace is always in, but this season's unique lace details work especially well with long, flowing hair. Rich, jewel-toned, vintage-look jewelry adds texture to the ensemble.

■ Whether the dress is short or long, designers have put the emphasis back on the waist. Nipped-in lines and wide belts or sashes showed all over New York's runways.

Because of the symmetry of the dress, wear your hair parted to the side and add drama with strong platinum jewelry pieces.

"Few brides can spend a fortune on a couture gown and estate diamonds so we recommend Jewelry Television's Bella Luce Collection," says Diddy. "Most pieces are platinum plated sterling silver for elegant, affordable, designer-inspired wearability."

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Design changes will give brides a more elegant look this year.

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(ARA) — Planning to get married any time soon? It's true what they say -- your wedding day is one of the most important and defining moments in your life. How do you envision yours?

In a perfect world, everything will go like clockwork. At exactly 1 p.m., the music will start to play, all the guests will arrive on-time and anxiously wait for the bride to appear. Then they'll hold back tears as she marches down the aisle on her father's arm.

In reality, however, it's more likely that there will be some snags. The person delivering the flowers and decorations could be late, pushing the ceremony back an hour. The hired photographer could have written down the wrong date and not show up at all. Or even worse, your out-of-town guests won't show up on time either because they got stuck in traffic or were unable to find the ceremony.

Because for most weddings, a good portion of the guest list includes people from out-of-town, it is critical to be as detail orientated as possible when helping them get from destination to destination.

Along with the invitation, include multi-view maps that will show guests where all the wedding-related events are taking place. You'll need one showing directions to the wedding venue from the hotel, the bride's parents' home and the airport. Another showing directions from the ceremony location to the reception hall.

Include a link to a traffic Web site, such as Traffic.com, at the bottom of any map you provide, as well as your wedding Web site. The site will be a great resource for your guests as it shows the most direct route from place to place, and provides real-time information on delays, traffic jams and detours.

The Internet has made it easy to give good directions to your wedding guests.

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After the wedding is over, Traffic.com can serve as a resource your out-of-town guests can use to find their way to local attractions, restaurants and long-lost friends' houses. The possibilities are endless. And who knows, maybe when all is said and done, you'll be the one getting the "Thank You" note.

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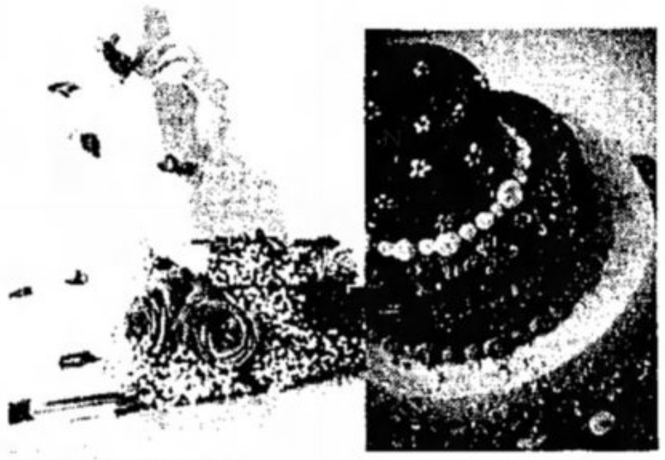

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